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HOUSE BILL 1008

Short Title: DHR Committee on Home and Comm. Care.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Perdue, Locks, and Wisser.

Referred to: Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOME AND
COMMUNITY CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-181.9.1. Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care.

(a) There is established the Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care within the Department of Human Resources. This Committee shall recommend to the Department of Human Resources and the General Assembly methods for alleviating the service fragmentation and client intake-duplication associated with in-home and community based supportive services for older adults and their families. To achieve a coordinated full service system of home and community care for older adults, the Committee shall recommend common service definitions, service standards, assessment instruments, reporting requirements, eligibility criteria, and reimbursement methods compatible with a coordinated system of care. These recommendations shall build on the needs and goals developed through local input of all 100 North Carolina counties and with the assistance and consultation of the Area Agencies on Aging and the Division of Aging.

(b) The Committee shall be guided by the following program and policy goals:

(1) To provide at-risk elderly individuals with options for quality home and community based care;

(2) To ensure a coordinated and efficient utilization of resources; and

1 (3) To build on the current strengths and initiatives in North Carolina's
2 aging and long-term care service networks.

3 (c) The Committee's recommendations will include consideration of the
4 following:

5 (1) **In-Home and Supportive Family Caregiver Services:** The
6 identification of a core set of in-home and supportive family services
7 for older adults in need regardless of their county of residence;

8 (2) **Services in the Least Restrictive Environment:** Provision of choice
9 to older adults of receiving necessary services in the least restrictive
10 environment or program setting compatible with the individual's safety
11 and well-being;

12 (3) **Coordinated Aging Services Budget:** Compilation of a State aging
13 services budget to coordinate existing program funding sources, to
14 develop a common funding stream, and to identify new funding
15 resources to meet the needs of older adults, including the identification
16 of the availability of private sector resources;

17 (4) **Guidelines, Standards, and Procedures:** To the greatest extent
18 possible, development of compatible service definitions, service
19 standards, assessment instruments, eligibility criteria, reimbursement
20 methods, and reporting requirements for in-home and community
21 based services for older adults, throughout the Department of Human
22 Resources;

23 (5) **Independent Evaluation of Information and Referral Projects:**
24 Independent evaluation of the seven existing Information and Referral
25 Projects funded through the Division of Aging. Elements of the
26 evaluation, to be completed by May 1, 1990, shall include evaluation
27 of criteria, standards for the demonstrations, expenditures, and a self-
28 evaluation by the projects; and

29 (6) **Design of Coordinated Home and Community Care**
30 **Demonstrations for At-Risk Older Adults:** Development of
31 necessary guidelines, standards, procedures, and cost estimates for
32 implementing coordinated home and community care demonstrations
33 in no fewer than four and no more than eight pilot counties. The
34 establishment of demonstrations in coordinated home and community
35 care shall be coordinated with the Division of Aging's efforts to
36 facilitate the development of county plans on aging and a State plan on
37 aging.

38 (d) The Committee shall be composed of 25 members, to be appointed as
39 follows:

40 (1) One member each appointed by the Secretary of the Department of
41 Human Resources from the Divisions of Aging, of Health Services, of
42 Medical Assistance, of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and
43 Substance Abuse Services, of Social Services, and of Budget and
44 Analysis;

- 1 (2) One member each appointed by the Secretary of the Department of
2 Human Resources from the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, the
3 North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association, the Center for
4 Aging Research and Educational Services at The University of North
5 Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Long-Term Care Resources Program at
6 Duke University, the North Carolina Association of Long-Term Care
7 Facilities, the North Carolina Association for Home Care, and the
8 Center for Creative Retirement, University of North Carolina at
9 Asheville;
- 10 (3) Three members appointed from the House of Representatives by the
11 General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives;
- 13 (4) Three members appointed from the Senate by the General Assembly,
14 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 15 (5) One member appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Human
16 Resources from the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging;
- 17 (6) One member who is a county commissioner appointed by the
18 Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, upon the
19 recommendation of the North Carolina Association of County
20 Commissioners; and
- 21 (7) Three additional members appointed by the Secretary of the
22 Department of Human Resources, which members shall not be voting
23 members.

24 The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall be Chair of the Committee.
25 Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. Vacancies shall be filled in the
26 same manner as the initial appointment.

27 (e) The Committee shall, in performing its charge, develop an annual workplan and
28 convene task forces or work groups comprised of interested State and local public and
29 private service providers, older adult consumer groups, university programs on aging,
30 distinguished gerontologists, and others, as appropriate.

31 (f) The Committee shall make a written progress report each March 1, beginning
32 in 1990, on methods to establish a coordinated system for North Carolina's older adults.
33 The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
34 the Lieutenant Governor, the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services
35 Office, and the North Carolina Study Commission on Aging."

36 Sec. 2. No additional appropriations are required for this act.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.