

FISCAL NOTE

HB 628 - SB 1460

April 8, 1999

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the client assessment, referral and evaluation (CARE) program to encourage a wide variety of quality, cost-effective and affordable long-term care choices. The program is to be administered by the director of the commission on aging and implemented by area agencies on aging. The commissioner of health is to adopt a CARE data entry form for data collection and referral services by January 1, 2000. This form would include nursing home pre-admission screening and annual resident review questions. The staff of area agencies would provide assessment, referral and case management services and would act as advocates. The bill creates an 11-member oversight council for the CARE program. The director is to report to the governor and the general assembly by December 31, 2000, and each year thereafter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$650,000 Recurring
\$537,500 One-Time**

Assumes a need for 21 staff in the Commission on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging to administer the program. Also assumes a need for \$500,000 (one-time) to upgrade the management information system of the Commission on Aging.

If this program were initiated as part of a Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver project, it could be eligible for Federal funding. If the program was eligible as a waiver project, approximately \$410,000 of the recurring costs and \$340,000 of the one-time costs would be eligible for federal funding.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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