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HOUSE BILL 1008
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/1/89

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

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 4, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOME AND
3 COMMUNITY CARE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 143B-181.9A. Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care.**

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

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

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

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

37 (d) The Committee shall consist of the Secretary of the Department of Human
38 Resources and 25 members, to be appointed as follows:

39 (1) One member each appointed by the Secretary of the Department of
40 Human Resources from the Divisions of Aging, of Health Services, of
41 Medical Assistance, of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and
42 Substance Abuse Services, of Social Services, and of Budget and
43 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, the Center
8 for Creative Retirement, University of North Carolina at Asheville.
- 9 (3) Three members appointed from the House of Representatives by the
10 General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the
11 House of Representatives;
- 12 (4) Three members appointed from the Senate by the General Assembly,
13 upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 14 (5) One member who is a county commissioner appointed by the
15 Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, upon the
16 recommendation of the North Carolina Association of County
17 Commissioners; and
- 18 (6) Four members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of
19 Human Resources, one upon the recommendation of the North
20 Carolina Association on Aging, one other upon the recommendation of
21 the Association of Local Health Directors, one other upon the
22 recommendation of the Association of the County Directors of Social
23 Services, and one other upon the recommendation of Hospice of North
24 Carolina.

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

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

32 (f) The Committee shall make a written progress report each March 1, beginning
33 in 1990. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the
34 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
35 Legislative Services 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.