

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2519

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Morgan

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This amended legislation moves the staff responsibility for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission (Commission) from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Virginia Department for the Aging (the Department). The Commission is reconstituted with an additional member bringing the number to 15 and providing for both gubernatorial and legislative appointees. It expanded duties included developing a plan for meeting the needs of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers, submitting an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly and making application for and expending grants, gifts or bequests. The bill charges the Department with providing referral that link families caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with Virginia's chapters of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association. The Department also must provide information, counseling, and referral about services and programs that may support individuals and families dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Finally, the bill moves and renames the existing Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund to this newly created article.

6. No fiscal impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes; Transfer \$5,000 general fund from Item 331, Program 440, subprogram 11 to Item 300, Program 479, subprogram 01.

8. Fiscal implications: During the early 1990s, legislation was passed that required the Alzheimer's Commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources rather than the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSA). However, the statutory establishment of the Alzheimer's Commission remains within the section of the Virginia code related to DMHMRSA. This year's legislation would move the authority out of the DMHMRSA section of the code and specifically place it within the Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA). In practicality, VDA staffs the Commission, but DMHMRSA has continued to financially support the Commission by providing \$5,000 per year to VDA. This budget action would permanently place DMHMRSA's financial support of \$5,000 for the Alzheimer's Commission within the Department of Aging and eliminate the need for yearly transfers.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; Virginia Department for the Aging

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources