

HB 2619 -- FUNDING OF LONG-TERM SERVICES

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to contract for an independent feasibility study and actuarial modeling of public and private options for leveraging private resources to help individuals prepare for long-term service and support needs. The study must model two options:

- (1) A long-term care benefit paid for and open to workers, funded through a payroll deduction that would provide a one-to-three year, capped-dollar, long-term care insurance benefit, the maximum length and amount of which to be determined by actuarial analysis; and
- (2) A public-private reinsurance or risk-sharing model with the purpose of providing a stable and ongoing source of reimbursement to insurers for a portion of their catastrophic long-term service and support losses in order to provide additional insurance capacity for the state. The entity would operate as a public-private partnership supporting the private sector's role as the primary risk bearer.

The report must include an evaluation of each option based on specified criteria and the department must convene interested stakeholders to provide input on the study design. The feasibility study and actuarial analysis must be completed and submitted to the department by December 31, 2017, and the department must submit a report including the director's findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 15, 2018. An interim report must be submitted to the department by July 1, 2017.