

No. 2000-20

AN ACT

HB 1099

Directing the Department of Aging to conduct a study of area agencies on aging concerning waiting lists for persons in need of lottery-funded services, including, but not limited to, home and community-based long-term care services.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Area Agency on Aging Services Waiting List Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Department.” The Department of Aging of the Commonwealth.

Section 3. Waiting list study.

(a) General rule.—The department shall conduct a study by geographic region of the length of time older Pennsylvanians wait for lottery-funded services, including any program for the delivery of meals to a home or residence, provided by area agencies on aging. The study shall include:

- (1) An evaluation of the accuracy of the waiting list for lottery-funded services maintained by area agencies on aging.
- (2) A review of each area agency on aging to identify:
 - (i) the services older Pennsylvanians are seeking from the agency;
 - (ii) the time it takes the agency to provide these services; and
 - (iii) the partial services, if any, that are currently being provided.
- (3) A survey of community services available to individuals on area agencies on aging waiting lists and to private pay individuals.
- (4) The cost of providing services to individuals on the waiting list by category of need.

(b) Report.—The department shall report the results of the study to the chairman and minority chairman of both the Aging and Youth Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of both the Aging and Youth Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives within one year of the effective date of this act.

Section 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of May, A.D. 2000.

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