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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

DIRECTING THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO ISSUE A REPORT
ANALYZING LONG-TERM CARE.

1 WHEREAS, the Delaware Population Consortium projects that Delaware's senior population will increase by 41.1
2 percent between 2020 and 2050; and

3 WHEREAS, data from the Harvard Joint Centers for Housing Studies indicates that seniors are more likely to
4 suffer from physical disabilities as they age, which may impact their ability to complete activities of daily living; and

5 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that, by 2025, there will be 23,000 Delawareans diagnosed
6 with Alzheimer's disease; and

7 WHEREAS, long-term care facilities provide seniors a range of care and support services, and are an integral
8 component to the state's broader eldercare landscape; and

9 WHEREAS, person-centered care is essential to ensure that long-term care facilities are adequately meeting the
10 needs of their residents; and

11 WHEREAS, Delaware's statutory framework for long-term care staffing has not been updated in over twenty
12 years, and the state's statutory and regulatory frameworks for long-term care facilities use inconsistent terminology; and

13 WHEREAS, the Long Term Care and Memory Care Task Force recommended that the State review and revise
14 sections of the Delaware Code and Administrative Code related to long-term care; and

15 WHEREAS, the Task Force also called on the Department of Health and Social Services to embrace a person-
16 centered acuity model for staffing requirements and requested a written status report.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representative of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
19 Senate concurring therein, that the Department of Health and Social Services is directed to review the Delaware Code and
20 Administrative Code and assess the development of a person-centered acuity model for long-term care staffing.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report should also include all of the following:

22 (1) recommendations for the revision of the Delaware Code and the Delaware Administrative Code related to
23 long-term care, including, but not limited to:

- 24 a. identifying and using consistent definitions and terminology relating to long-term care facilities.
- 25 b. defining terms related to memory care.
- 26 c. ensuring statutes and regulations related to long-term care and memory care reflect current terminology
27 and best practices.
- 28 d. reorganizing the Delaware Code and Administrative Code to ensure all sections related to the provision
29 of memory care services are in one place.

30 (2) an implementation plan for a person-centered acuity model of long-term care staffing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than April 1, 2024, DHSS should submit a report detailing the
32 findings of their assessment to all the following: the Governor, all members of the General Assembly, the Controller
33 General, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with copies to the Director and the Librarian of the
34 Division of Research of Legislative Council, and the Delaware Public Archives.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution requires the Department of Health and Social Services to submit a report no later than April 1, 2024 detailing recommendations for the revision of the Delaware Code and the Delaware Administrative Code related to long-term care. The report is also required to outline an implementation plan for a person-centered acuity model of long-term care staffing.