

HB 1656 -- TRANSITION GRANTS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS (Nance)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Senior Citizen Advocacy

This bill changes the laws regarding the assistance provided to nursing home residents who are transitioning back into their communities. Subject to appropriations, MO HealthNet-eligible nursing home residents will receive a one-time transition grant up to \$2,400, administered by the Division of Senior and Disability Services within the Department of Health and Senior Services, to spend on housing costs associated with moving a senior citizen or disabled person from a nursing home back to a residence within their community. The division will work with the Department of Social Services to generate additional funding for the transition grants.

The Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Mental Health will work in cooperation to develop community-based services for persons who are moving out of nursing homes and back into their communities.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.