

HCS SCS SB 176 -- ALZHEIMER'S STATE PLAN TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Stouffer (Chappelle-Nadal)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute establishes the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force within the Department of Health and Senior Services. The 19-member task force is required to:

- (1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on Missouri residents;
- (2) Examine existing services and resources for individuals with dementia, their families, and caregivers;
- (3) Develop recommendations regarding increased instances of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;
- (4) Gather public input;
- (5) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by November 15, 2010; and
- (6) Meet at a minimum of once annually to evaluate the implementation and impact of the task force recommendations and provide annual supplemental reports.

When conducting the assessment and making recommendations, the task force is required to examine state trends; existing services, resources, state support for research, and the capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to individuals with Alzheimer; and necessary state policies or responses and strategies to address any identified gaps in service.

The provisions of the substitute will expire November 1, 2012.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$6,840 in FY 2010, \$9,965 in FY 2011, and \$5,483 in FY 2012. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow the state to review existing resources and determine future needs. Organizations are willing to provide administrative support. The number of individuals with Alzheimer's is expected to increase.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Chappelle-Nadal for Senator Stouffer; Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Missouri Alzheimer's Coalition; Missouri Coalition for Quality Care;

George Carney; and Missouri Association of Homes for the Aging.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.