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House Bills 5173 (Substitute H-2) & 5348
Sponsor: Rep. Ken DeBeaussaert
House Committee: Mental Health
Senate Committee: Human Resources and Senior Citizens

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SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5173 (Substitute H-2) and 5348 as passed by the House:

House Bill 5173 would amend the Mental Health Code to establish a joint State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Aging and procedures for membership, duties, and the operation of the joint council. The council would be administered and operated jointly by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA).

House Bill 5348 would amend the Older Michiganians Act to establish the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Aging and specify its administration and operation by the Department of Mental Health and Office of Services to the Aging as provided in House Bill 5173.

The bills are tie-barred to each other.

A more detailed description of House Bill 5173 follows.

The council would be required to provide advice and guidance and to make recommendations to the Directors of the Department of Mental Health and the Office of Services to the Aging on mental health and aging issues, including Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; to monitor programs funded or coordinated by the Department, the Office of Services to the Aging, or both, for older adults with mental health needs and persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder; to identify key issues of concern that require intervention by State agencies; and to submit annually a report summarizing council activities for the past year and recommendations for the coming year to the Directors of OSA and DMH, the Legislature, and the Governor. In addition, the bill would require that the council recommend specific innovative service delivery models that addressed the unique needs of multi-cultural populations, including, for example, "ethnic sensitive practices and culturally relevant programming".

Membership on the council would consist of the Directors of the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Social Services, the Office of Services to the Aging and the Office of Health and Medical Affairs, and the Insurance Commissioner--or their designees--and the following 16 members appointed jointly by the Directors of the DMH and the OSA:

- Two family caregivers.
- One physician with experience in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

- One attorney with knowledge and experience in mental health and aging law.
- One representative from a provider of services to victims of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- One member of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.
- One member from an area agency on aging.
- One representative from an agency that disseminates information and education on mental health and aging issues across the State.
- One member from the Commission on Services to the Aging.
- One member from a community mental health services provider.
- One member from an area agency on aging services provider.
- One representative from a State psychiatric hospital.
- One member who is a community mental health board director, or his or her designee.
- One representative from the psychiatric profession with experience in treating older adults.
- Two members representing older adults.

The composition of the council would have to reflect a wide range of professionals, consumers, and ethnic minority citizens.

Of the members first appointed, one-half would be appointed for one-year terms, and one-half for two-year terms; otherwise, members would be appointed for two-year terms, beginning April 1. They would serve without compensation, but would be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses by the Department of Mental Health, the Office of Services to the Aging, or both. The chairperson would be appointed jointly by the Directors. The council would be required to meet at least four times a year and at the call of the chairperson.

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400.581 et al. (House Bill 5348)

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FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 5173

The bills could result in State costs incurred for the State Advisory Council's administration. Unless Federal or other revenue sources were available for this purpose, the Department of Mental Health could allocate funds appropriated for similar purposes to cover the administrative costs. The Department has funds appropriated for advisory councils. In FY 1987-88, the appropriations include \$25,100 GF for the citizen's advisory councils at State facilities and \$39,000 GF for the citizen's mental health advisory council. The FY 1988-89 recommendation includes \$25,700 GF and \$40,100 GF, respectively, for the councils.

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