



S.B. 214

124th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Makes permanent the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).
- Authorizes the Director of Job and Family Services to enter into an interagency agreement with the Director of Aging, subject to the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to transfer responsibility for the administration of PACE from the Department of Job and Family Services to the Department of Aging.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a Medicaid program that provides acute and long-term care services to frail older adults. It is administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) under a federal demonstration waiver. A PACE participant must be age 55 or older, meet Medicaid eligibility criteria for nursing home care, and reside in Cuyahoga, Hamilton, or certain parts of Clermont, Butler, or Warren County.

Section 63.28 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly (the biennial budget bill) requires the Director of Job and Family Services to submit to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services a state Medicaid plan amendment to provide for the continued operation of PACE. The Director must submit the amendment no later than February 28, 2002. The Director is permitted to submit to the Secretary application for program agreements to operate PACE. The Director may also seek federal approval to transfer the day-to-day administration of PACE to the Department of Aging. If the amendment is approved, the Directors of ODJFS and Aging are permitted, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to enter into an interagency agreement to

transfer responsibility for the administration of PACE. The interagency agreement must include an estimated cost of services to be provided under PACE and an estimated cost for the administrative duties assigned by the agreement to the Department of Aging. Under current law, the PACE program operates under a federal demonstration waiver.

The bill

The bill makes permanent the above provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th General Assembly pertaining to the PACE program.

HISTORY

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