

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, and Donovan

Date Introduced: March 04, 2022

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

(Office of Healthy Aging)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-66.3-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-66.3 entitled "Home
2 and Community Care Services to the Elderly" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-66.3-8. Home and community care advisory committee.**

4 (a) There is established a permanent state committee to be known as the home and
5 community care services advisory committee established for the purpose of advising the director
6 of ~~elderly affairs~~ the office of healthy aging relative to the needs and concerns of home and
7 community care services care recipients. The commission shall consist of ~~twenty three (23)~~ twenty-
8 four (24) members: ~~six (6)~~ four (4) of whom shall be representatives of state agencies or
9 departments one of whom shall be ~~representatives of the general public age sixty (60) years of age~~
10 ~~or older, two (2) to be appointed by the speaker of the house who shall be members of AARP; one~~
11 ~~to be appointed by the house minority leader; two (2) to be appointed by the senate president; one~~
12 ~~of whom shall be a member of AARP; and one to be appointed by the senate minority leader; one~~
13 ~~of whom shall be a representative of the general public, fifty nine (59) years of age or under to be~~
14 ~~appointed by the governor's commission on disabilities; six (6) of whom shall be representatives of~~
15 ~~home and community care providers to be appointed by the director of elderly affairs, including,~~
16 ~~one representative of adult day services centers; one representative of assisted living residences;~~
17 ~~one representative of home nursing care providers/home care providers; one representative of case~~
18 ~~management agencies; one representative of respite care providers; and one representative of a~~

1 ~~visiting nurses association; one of whom shall be a family caregiver or a person sixty (60) years of~~
2 ~~age or older to be appointed by the director of elderly affairs; one of whom shall be the long term~~
3 ~~care ombudsperson; one of whom shall be the chairperson of long term care coordinating council~~
4 ~~or his or her designee; one of whom shall be the health care advocate of the attorney general's~~
5 ~~department; one of whom shall be the executive director of the Rhode Island Partnership for Home~~
6 ~~Care Incorporated, or his or her designee; one of whom shall be the director of the Rhode Island~~
7 ~~Visiting Nurse Network, or his or her designee; one of whom shall be the director of the Rhode~~
8 ~~Island chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, or his or her designee; one of whom shall be the~~
9 ~~director of health, or his or her designee; one of whom shall be the director of human services, or~~
10 ~~his or her designee; and one of whom shall be the director of behavioral healthcare, developmental~~
11 ~~disabilities and hospitals, or his or her designee.~~ the director of human services, or designee; one
12 of whom shall be the director of the Medicaid program, or designee; one of whom shall be the
13 director of behavioral health, developmental disabilities and hospitals, or designee; one of whom
14 shall be the attorney general, or designee; fourteen (14) of whom shall be appointed by the director
15 of the office of healthy aging; one of whom shall be a representative of a trade association for adult
16 day care facilities; one of whom shall be a representative of the aging and disability resource center;
17 one of whom shall be a representative of a trade association for assisted living facilities; one of
18 whom shall be a representative of a case management program; one of whom shall be a
19 representative of a trade association for home care agencies; one of whom shall be a representative
20 of a trade association representing hospice agencies; one of whom shall be a representative of the
21 Alzheimer's Association; one of whom shall be a representative of a program of all-inclusive care
22 for the elderly; one of whom shall be a representative of a senior center; one of whom shall be a
23 representative of a state grant-funded respite care program; one of whom shall be a representative
24 of the office of the long-term care ombudsman; one whom shall be a representative of a managed
25 care organization; one whom shall be a representative of the governor's commission on disability
26 and one whom shall be a representative of the AARP of Rhode Island. In addition, there shall be
27 six (6) members of the general public who are caregivers of and/or individuals sixty (60) years of
28 age or older or adults with disabilities residing in the community, two (2) to be appointed by the
29 speaker of the house; one to be appointed by the house minority leader; two (2) to be appointed by
30 the senate president and one to be appointed by the senate minority leader.

31 (b) The members of the committee shall meet at the call of the director and organize and
32 shall select from among themselves a chairperson. Vacancies in the committee shall be filled in the
33 same manner as the original appointment. The membership of the committee shall receive no
34 compensation for their services. The committee may call upon the ~~department of elderly affairs~~

1 [office of healthy aging](#) to provide technical and other assistance as it may deem necessary to
2 accomplish its purpose.

3 (c) All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish any advice and information,
4 documentary and otherwise, to the committee and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by
5 the committee to facilitate the purposes of this chapter.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend the composition of the home and community care services advisory
- 2 committee.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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