



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 89**

February Session, 2022

Senate Bill No. 173

*Senate, March 23, 2022*

The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. MILLER of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
2 "institutionalized spouse" and "community spouse" have the same  
3 meanings as provided in 42 USC 1396r-5(h), as amended from time to  
4 time. The Commissioner of Social Services shall study the cost and  
5 feasibility of permitting a community spouse of an institutionalized  
6 spouse to retain the maximum resource amount allowable for such  
7 community spouse pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2), as amended from  
8 time to time.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social  
10 Services shall submit a report on the commissioner's findings, in  
11 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
12 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

13 cognizance of matters relating to aging and appropriations and the  
14 budgets of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**AGE**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with studying the cost and feasibility of permitting a community spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid recipient to retain the maximum amount of assets allowable under federal law. The potential cost is dependent on the extent to which system changes are required in order to obtain and track the data necessary to conduct the study.

**The Out Years**

DSS must complete the study and report finding by 1/1/23.



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)