

# Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-245

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS.

**Vote Date:** 3/12/2024

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/5/2024

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Aging Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill was raised to address the long-term care needs in our state.

This legislation requires that the Dept. of Social Services study long-term care needs in our state and directs that the report be submitted to the Aging and Human Services Committees by January 1, 2025.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Office of the Health Care Advocate, Mr. Sean King, Acting Health Care Advocate:** They **support** this bill pointing out they receive many calls from residents who require long-term services and support. In many cases, consumers are not prepared for the realities of requiring long-term services and supports. They frequently work with consumers to secure as much nursing home or home health care as Medicare will pay for, but consumers often exhaust these benefits while still requiring long-term services and support.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**LeadingAge Connecticut, Ms. Mag Morelli, President:** They do not have any objections to this proposal and extended an offer to assist the Committee and the State with this study.

**Fairfield Senior Advocates, Mr. William Lenahan, Director of State Issues:** They **support** this legislation and recommend that the All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program be included. The average PACE participant is 76 years old and has multiple, complex medical conditions, cognitive and /or functional impairments, and significant health and long-term care

needs. They did direct the Committee to a 2022 OLR report on PACE as an information source.

**CT Statewide Family Council, Mr. Frederic Kaeser, Vice Chairperson:** They **support** this bill that studies the homecare needs of seniors.

**Ms. Jessica Hill:** She offered some personal observations and her **support** for this proposal.

**Ms. Irma Rappaport, National Advocate:** The number of seniors will be dramatically expanding during the coming decades, and she is **supporting** this bill.

**Ms. Elizabeth Stern, Family Caregiver:** She **supports** the legislation and asks that the State address the needs of its residents as they age in a state that they want to live in during their aging years.

#### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Submitted

**Reported by:**  
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**Date: 3/13/24**