

SESSION LAW 2017-57/SENATE BILL 257 (2017 BUDGET)

RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT A SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING

SECTION 11D.3.(a) Pursuant to the authority in G.S. 120-208.2(d), the cochairs for the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services may consider appointing a subcommittee on aging to examine the State's delivery of services for older adults in order to (i) determine their service needs and to (ii) make recommendations to the Oversight Committee on how to address those needs. North Carolina currently ranks ninth in the nation for the size of the age 60 and older population and tenth in the nation for the age 85 and older population. From 2015 to 2035, the age 65 and older population is projected to increase sixty-seven percent (67%) and the age 85 and older population is projected to increase one hundred two percent (102%). By 2019, North Carolina will have more people that are 60 years of age and older than children age zero to 17. It is recommended that the subcommittee examine the range of programs and services for older adults throughout the continuum of care. The subcommittee is encouraged to seek input from a variety of stakeholders and interest groups, including the Division of Aging and Adult Services and the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Human Services; the North Carolina Coalition on Aging; the North Carolina Senior Tarheel Legislature, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

SECTION 11D.3.(b) If a subcommittee on aging is appointed, the subcommittee shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on or before March 1, 2018, and shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on or before November 1, 2018, at which time it shall terminate unless reappointed by the cochairs of the Oversight Committee under the authority granted in G.S. 120-208.2(d).