

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Verger, Morrisette
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/16, 4/22, 4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Department of Human Services to provide, through area agencies, emergency services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities who lose home- and community-based services due to reductions in funding. Requires department to maintain records and conduct a study on the impact of the termination or reduction in services. Requires the department to study the impact on individuals of the reductions in funding and report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly. Allocates an unspecified amount from General Fund for carrying out the requirements of the measure. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage; sunsets January 2, 2012.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Possibility of federal stimulus dollars available for health care reform
- Departmental difficulty in fully integrating acute care records
- Necessity of legislative mandate for department to provide data

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Inserts provision specifying those entities that the Department of Human Services must implement a plan for, providing emergency services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities who receive services beginning July 1, 2007 and lose services during the biennium beginning July 1, 2009. Modifies provision that requires the department to maintain records on specific entities in order to contract with a private entity or individual to conduct a study on the impact of the termination or reduction in services on noted individuals. Establishes an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the department beginning July 1, 2009 for carrying out provisions of the measure. Adds emergency clause.

**BACKGROUND:** The current tracking mechanisms to decipher the circumstances of those no longer utilizing services due to funding, and what becomes of those individuals, is inadequate.