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S.231

Introduced by Senators White, Clarkson and McCormack

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; aging Vermonters; community nurse program pilot

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a two-year pilot for one or more community nurse programs serving aging Vermonters.

An act relating to establishing a pilot for community nurse programs serving aging Vermonters

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. COMMUNITY NURSE PROGRAM PILOT SERVING AGING VERMONTERS

(a) \$450,000.00 shall be appropriated to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living for the purpose of establishing a two-year pilot to enhance the provision of services by one or more existing community nurse programs to aging Vermonters in the program’s region.

(b) The Department shall seek and consider applications for participation in the pilot described in this section from existing community nurse programs serving aging Vermonters in the program’s region. The Department shall

1 select one or more programs, as funding permits, to participate in the pilot
2 based on a program's application materials. A successful application shall
3 include a plan to:

- 4 (1) create a community health worker position to serve program clients;
5 (2) expand the program's nursing services to serve a greater percentage
6 of aging Vermonters in the program's region, including ensuring that nurse
7 home visits are not limited in number or duration;
8 (3) identify and fill the program's coverage gaps;
9 (4) integrate enhanced administrative support within the program; and
10 (5) develop a system to obtain relevant data and document program
11 needs, outcomes, and processes.

12 (c) On or before December 15, 2026, a program participating in the pilot
13 described in this section shall submit a report to the Department detailing the
14 number of aging Vermonters served, program gaps, recommended program
15 improvements, and any other data relevant to the pilot.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.