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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Taylor, J.P. DATE TYPED: 02/24/03 HB 487

SHORT TITLE: Alzheimer's Disease Respite Care SB _____

ANALYST: Hayes

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 487

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
State Agency on Aging

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 487 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the State Agency on Aging for respite care services for families of persons with Alzheimer's disease.

Significant Issues

1. A portion of the appropriation, \$75.0, will be for funding respite care services for families of persons with Alzheimer's disease with an emphasis on services in rural areas.
2. The remaining portion, \$25.0, will be for staff development for administrative and direct care staff in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and community-based facilities, including adult daycare.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to the State Agency on Aging, without this legislation there will be an increase in the numbers of families waiting for respite, an increase in caregiver stress and an increase in institutionalization of adults with Alzheimer's who would prefer to be in their own homes and cared for by their families.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What other programs exist in the State Aging on Agency or Health or Human Services Department for families of victims of Alzheimer's disease? Do any federal programs provide funding for the respite services noted in this bill?

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