

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 888
Version:	PCS
Request Number:	8691
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The PCS for SB 888 defines the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) as a full risk-bearing program that provides comprehensive health services for individuals 65 years of age and older who are deemed nursing-home eligible by the Medicaid program. PACE will be reimbursed on a fixed per-member, per-month rate and will provide all health services, including transportation. The bill also requires that:

- persons 55 years of age and older, or their representative, receive options counseling prior to admission to a nursing facility, unless it is an emergency admission, in which case the options counseling must be provided within 14 days of admission;
- persons who live within the defined service area of a PACE receive information about the program as a part of the options counseling; and
- current nursing facility residents, or their representatives, be given the opportunity to receive options counseling.

Finally, the measure establishes a task force to review the current long-term service and supports assessment and evaluation process to determine if improvements are needed.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.