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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5173 (SUBSTITUTE H-1) AND HOUSE BILL 5348 AS INTRODUCED

House Bills 5173 and 5348 would amend the Mental Health Code (MCL 330.1941) and Older Michiganians Act (MCL 400.581a), respectively, to establish a joint State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Aging. The council would be administered and operated jointly by the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

House Bill 5173 would establish procedures for membership, duties, and the operation of the joint council. Membership on the council would consist of the directors of the Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Social Services, the Office of Services to the Aging, and the Office of Health and Medical Affairs, and the Insurance Commissioner -- or their designees -- and the following 16 members appointed jointly by the directors of the Department of Mental Health and the Office of Services to the Aging:

- two family caregivers;
- one physician with experience in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders;
- one attorney with knowledge and experience in mental health and aging law;
- one representative from a provider of services to victims of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders;
- one member of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association;
- one member from an area agency on aging;
- one representative from an agency that disseminates information and education on mental health and aging issues across the state;
- one member from the Commission on Services to the Aging;
- one member from a community mental health services provider;

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- one member from an area agency on aging services provider;
- one representative from a state psychiatric hospital;
- one member who is a community mental health board director, or his or her designee;
- one representative from the psychiatric profession with experience in treating older adults; and
- two members representing older adults.

Of the members first appointed, one-half would be appointed for one-year terms, and one-half for two-year terms; otherwise, members would be appointed for two-year terms, beginning April 1. They would serve without compensation, but would be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses by the Department of Mental Health, the Office of Services to the Aging, or both. The chairperson would be appointed jointly by the directors. The council would be required to provide advice and guidance and to make recommendations to the directors of the Department of Mental Health and the Office of Services to the Aging on mental health and aging issues, including Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; to monitor programs funded or coordinated by the department, the Office of Services to the Aging, or both, for older adults with mental health needs and persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder; to identify key issues of concern that require intervention by state agencies; and to submit annually a report summarizing council activities for the past year and recommendations for the coming year to the directors of OSA and DMH, the legislature, and the governor.

House Bill 5173 is tie-barred to House Bill 5348, which would amend the Mental Health Code to establish the joint council.