

(2) Identify how the State should begin planning for needed services and programs.

(b) In conducting the study, the Commission shall review:

(1) Population projections for the age 65 and older population and for individuals with disabilities;

(2) The services and programs operated by State agencies for the age 65 and older population and for individuals with disabilities, including services and programs related to housing, transportation, medical needs, and food subsidies, to identify:

~~(i) Duplicative services or programs;~~

~~(ii) (i) Problems with the delivery of existing services or programs; and~~

~~(iii) (ii) The need for additional services or programs;~~

(3) The adequacy of current services and programs for the age 65 and older population and for individuals with disabilities provided by each county and region in the State and any gaps in services;

(4) The effect that the growth of the age 65 and older population will have on current services and programs and the areas of the State that will be most affected;

(5) The type of services and programs that will be most needed to support individuals with disabilities and to care for the age 65 and older population in 2010, 2020, and 2030; and

(6) The affordability of the types of services and programs for the age 65 and older population and for individuals with disabilities who may not qualify for federal, State, or local assistance; and

~~(6) (7) The cost to the State to provide services and programs to the age 65 and older population and individuals with disabilities.~~

(c) The Commission may contract with a private entity to conduct the study required under subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The Commission shall submit ~~an interim report on or before January 1, 2007, and~~ a final report on or before ~~July~~ December 1, 2007, on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved May 16, 2006.