OVERVIEW: Sec. 11G.1 of S.L. 2018-5 requires a follow-up study by the Department of Health and Human Services in response to the March 14, 2018, report entitled "Study of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly." The study and report must explore expansion of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and include the following elements:

- No less than three options for expansion, including alternatives that involve statewide expansion and expansion by zip code specific service areas.
- The fiscal impact to the State of each expansion option.
- The impact to unserved and underserved counties based upon each expansion option.
- An analysis of potential options for delivery of care, including strategies to adapt the PACE model of care to serve populations that are currently ineligible, diagnostic criteria other than a need for skilled nursing level care, and options to allow individuals in assisted living to participate in the PACE program.
- An analysis of the cost to the State as well as any anticipated savings associated with each potential option for delivery of care.
- Specific recommendations regarding options for expansion provided under the first bulleted item above and options for delivery of care provided under the fourth bulleted item above.

The report on the follow-up study must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and Health Choice by December 1, 2018. The report must include any legislation required to implement the recommendations.

This section became effective July 1, 2018.