



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 923

PRINTER'S NO. 958

PRIME SPONSOR: Rivera

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
Lottery Fund	\$0	\$2,500,000

SUMMARY:

This legislation extends the moratorium on individuals becoming ineligible for the PACE/PACENET programs solely due to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment.

ANALYSIS:

This bill would amend the State Lottery Law to ensure that individuals who, as of December 31, 2024, were enrolled in the PACE or PACENET program remain eligible for these programs if their income exceeds the maximum income limit under each program's guidelines solely due to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This provision would be in effect through December 31, 2027.

This legislation would take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation would incur increased costs to maintain current enrollees for both the PACE and the PACENET programs who would otherwise become ineligible for the program solely because of their Social Security cost-of-living adjustment. According to the Department of Aging (the "department"), the extension of the moratorium would allow approximately 12,500 individuals to remain enrolled in PACE and PACENET from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

The moratorium currently applies through December 31, 2025, so there is no fiscal impact to the commonwealth for FY 2024/25. The department anticipates that there will be an increase in cost to the PACE and PACENET programs of \$4.9 million for services provided to the 12,500 effected individuals for January to December 2026. For FY 2025/26 half of this increase applies to the January to June 2026 program months totaling \$2.5 million. The funding for the PACE and PACENET programs comes from the Lottery Fund.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.