




House Bill 245

(Rep. Phyllis Mundy)

Removing Barriers to PA's Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP)

Why it's needed:

- PA's FCSP law does not fully mirror today's informal, unpaid caregivers
- Reimbursement and grant limits remain unchanged since creation of program in 1990
- Despite a waiting list, nearly \$1 million in FY 08-09 state funds went unutilized due to narrow "caregiver" definition – a continual, upward trend
- Informal, unpaid caregivers help seniors avoid more costly institutional care
- Economic value of PA caregivers estimated at over \$15 billion annually

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Who's eligible?	Relatives living in the same household 	Family, friends & neighbors 
Reimbursement limit for out-of-pocket expenses	\$200/month	\$500/month
Grants for home modifications/ assistive devices	\$2,000 lifetime	\$6,000 lifetime
Waiting list	360 Pennsylvanians	

Informal, unpaid caregivers...Pennsylvania's unsung heroes