

Testimony
Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2276
House Human Services Committee
Representative Weisz, Chairman
March 8, 2023

Chairman Weisz, and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Section with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide information on Engrossed Senate Bill 2276 for your consideration as you review the Bill.

Compensated family caregiving can be an important part of the state's system of care options. The Department believes if done thoughtfully, with appropriate attention to the nuances related to assessment, safety, and the mechanics of implementation, the new service outlined in this Bill could be a benefit to families across our systems of waivers.

The Department's position on the Bill is in support though we are concerned about the ability to effectively implement this proposed change knowing the extent of parallel system change that is likely to result from the recommendations associated with the Alvarez and Marsal Study, completed in response to 67th Legislative Assembly Senate Bill 2256.

While the Adult and Aging system does allow this option, this addition will apply to waivers that serve children under the age of 18, living with their parents.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.