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sHB-7026

AN ACT CONCERNING EXCEPTIONS TO THE NURSING HOME
BED MORATORIUM.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9720)

House Calendar No.: 125

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in increased Medicaid costs to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with allowing DSS to approve requests to add new Medicaid-certified beds to existing or new nursing homes. To the extent this results in a higher cost per bed than Medicaid would otherwise support, or new costs related to a new facility, the state will incur associated allowable Medicaid expenditures. The actual fiscal impact is dependent on the scope and approval of such requests.

House "A" adds to the list of items DSS must consider when determining whether to approve or deny requests for additional nursing home beds. To the extent considering the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) five-star quality rating system alters the decision DSS would have otherwise made, the agency could experience an impact, which cannot be determined at this time.

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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