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sSB-289

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING OF THE QUALITY METRICS PROGRAM FOR NURSING HOMES.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	at least \$1.25 million	at least \$2.5 million

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill requires Department of Social Services (DSS) to adjust Medicaid rates over a three-year phase-in period to offset reductions due to implementation of the federal patient driven payment model for nursing homes. The extent of the phase-in and related costs are not specified by the bill.

The bill also requires DSS to implement a Medicaid utilization pool of \$2.5 million in FY 27 and \$5 million in FY 28 (state share of \$1.25 million and \$2.5 million, respectively) to provide enhanced payments to certain nursing homes. Payments may be prorated to stay within available appropriations.

The bill makes other clarifying and conforming changes that have no fiscal impact.

### **The Out Years**

Beginning in FY 29, the bill requires DSS to make enhanced Medicaid

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quality performance payments, from an annual pool of \$10 million (\$5 million state share), to eligible nursing home facilities.