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HB-5046

AN ACT PROMOTING NURSING HOME RESIDENT QUALITY OF LIFE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	750,000	None
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Social Services, Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 establishes a Class B violation under CGA Sec. 19a-527, which results in a potential minimal General Fund revenue gain starting 7/1/26 to the extent that violations occur, nursing homes are issued civil penalties by the Department of Public Health (DPH), and associated fines are collected. For each violation, a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 may be imposed. A new violation occurs each day that a nursing home fails to comply.

Section 2, which requires DPH to design a statewide Centers of Excellence Program to provide incentives to licensed nursing homes that deliver services consistent with evidence-based best practices, is anticipated to cost \$250,000 in FY 25.

Section 3, which requires DPH to establish an online nursing home consumer report card dashboard, is anticipated to cost \$500,000 in FY 25.

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Section 11 may result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with forensic audits and related potential civil monetary penalties on certain facilities. The bill specifies that forensic audits may be conducted by DSS, the costs for which the audited facility would be liable. The bill also subjects facilities to civil penalties of up to \$3,250 per day until the facility cooperates. DSS may recover such costs and penalties through reduced Medicaid payments otherwise due to impacted facilities.

The Out Years

The costs to DPH in sections 2 and 3 are anticipated to be one-time in nature. The annualized ongoing fiscal impact associated with civil penalties would continue subject to the incidence of related violations and the amount of the penalties imposed.