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AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF RAPID
WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING FOR CRITICALLY ILL INFANTS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 25 \$ | FY 26 \$ |
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| Social Services, Dept. | GF - Potential Cost | See Below | See Below |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with requiring Medicaid coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing for certain critically ill infants. While this is currently covered via payments to hospitals, a cost may be incurred if DSS is required to establish a specific rate for this service outside of the current rate methodology. The bill also requires DSS to establish evidence-based medical necessity criteria for such rapid whole genome sequencing coverage. DSS would experience additional impact to the extent this varies from current coverage.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue subject to the Medicaid rates established and associated utilization.

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