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

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 5826)

House Calendar No.: 199

Senate Calendar No.: 475

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 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.

Sections 2-3 of the bill result in no fiscal impact related to (1) requiring the General Assembly to appoint a working group to study eliminating or reducing the waiting list for services in the Katie Beckett Waiver Program and establishing priority placements on such list based

on illness and life expectancy; and (2) requiring DSS to study the feasibility of expanding Medicaid coverage for diapers to children from birth to age three for whom diapers are medically necessary.

House "A" strikes the language in the underlying bill and associated fiscal impact and results in the fiscal impact described above.

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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