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sHB-5370

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL RESPITE PILOT PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	at least \$215,500	at least \$215,500
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	90,200	90,200

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the state of at least \$305,700 beginning in FY 27 (through FY 31) associated with Department of Social Services (DSS) staff to establish a five-year medical respite pilot for homeless individuals by 10/1/26. DSS must implement such program in four cities and will incur additional programmatic costs to serve individuals requiring recuperative medical care (but not hospitalization).

The bill requires a planning group to design the medical respite pilot that includes two to four units to provide care for four weeks, 24/7 supervision, referrals, and case management services for at least 150 individuals. The cost to the state depends on how the program is implemented. If DSS chooses to pursue an 1115 Medicaid waiver, DSS will incur additional costs of approximately \$1 million in FY 27 for

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

associated contractual support.

To the extent the program diverts Medicaid clients from higher costs of care, DSS will experience related savings. The bill requires the planning group to report on the number of individuals served, projected Medicaid savings related to reduced hospital admissions and other health care costs, and recommendations on potential expansion and funding sources.

The Out Years

The bill requires the pilot program to operate until July 1, 2031.