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AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PATIENTS RECEIVING HOSPICE CARE AT A SHORT-TERM HOSPITAL SPECIAL HOSPICE OR A HOSPICE FACILITY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost/ Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide Medicaid coverage for room and board costs for members receiving care at certain hospice facilities. The fiscal impact to the state is dependent on Medicaid costs for such coverage and the extent to which members would otherwise receive care paid at a higher rate, and the associated length of stay.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to Medicaid costs for hospice room and board costs and associated utilization.

¹ For context, approximately 3,000 members utilized services by hospice billing providers in FY 25.