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AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR SOBER LIVING HOMES OPERATING IN THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	at least \$100,000	at least \$100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of at least \$100,000 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) associated with reporting requirements for sober living homes. Costs reflect increased contract costs to expand the current work done by Advanced Behavioral Health around the sober house network.

Under current law, certified sober living homes are allowed but not required to report their certified status to DMHAS, provided such homes maintain at least two doses of an opioid antagonist and train all residents when at least one resident has an opioid use disorder. The bill requires all homes to report on their certified status, name and contact information for anyone responsible for daily oversight and provide a weekly report on bed availability.¹ The bill also requires homes to annually report to DMHAS, beginning by 1/1/27, various information

¹ As under current law, DMHAS must post and update the list of reported sober living homes and associated bed availability on their website on a weekly basis.

including the average daily number of residents and staff, professional or certification credentials of staff and any training provided throughout the year, the quantity of opioid antagonists maintained and available on a daily basis, the number of sinks, toilets, showers, and bathtubs available to residents, and copies of any citations related to public health, building, fire, or municipal code violations.

To the extent DMHAS is required to verify that sober living homes are meeting the requirements of the bill, the agency will incur additional staffing and contract costs.

The bill also adds a provision to an existing unfair trade practice violation concerning sober living homes resulting in no fiscal impact to the state. The Department of Consumer Protection investigates these violations and has the resources and expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.