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sSB-1079

AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME FACILITY MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	24 million	24 million

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill will result in a state cost of approximately \$24 million associated with increasing the minimum per nursing home resident staffing ratio for nurse's aides. The bill specifies that 2.3 hours of direct care be provided by a nurse's aide and 0.7 hours of medical care be provided by a nurse, in a 24 hour period. Based on nursing home staffing data, there are 169 homes (approximately 76%) below the 2.3 hour ratio for certified nursing assistants and one home below the ratio for licensed nursing staff. The cost for nursing homes to staff at the proposed levels will depend on the actual number and level of staff required and their associated wages. The bill requires the Department of Social Services to adjust the Medicaid rate to cover the costs incurred by any nursing home that satisfactorily complies with the provisions of the bill.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the staff required to meet the

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provisions of the bill and associated Medicaid expenditures.