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CORRECTION

To Fiscal Note on
HB-7099, File No. 30

AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM RATIO OF DIRECT CARE
STAFF IN NURSING HOMES.

The original fiscal note on the bill indicated the state would not incur costs associated with increasing the daily minimum staffing ratio at nursing homes from 1.9 hours to three hours of direct care per resident per day. The data used to calculate this was inflated by costs associated with paid time off rather than only costs associated with direct care.

Based on adjusted cost data, there will be homes unable to meet the proposed minimum staffing ratio. The gross cost for nursing homes to staff at the proposed level is approximately \$9.2 million, depending on the number of staff required and their associated wages. While the state is responsible for approximately 50% of Medicaid related nursing home payments, the actual cost to the state will depend on if the increased staff costs are factored into nursing home Medicaid rates.