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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1549 by Nelson (Relating to requiring that certain individuals who provide nursing services in a nursing institution receive annual training in caring for people with dementia.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that one hour of the current required annual training for licensed nurses and nurse aides in nursing facilities be on dementia. The bill states that the legislative intent is that facilities incur no additional costs from implementation of the bill.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) assumed no impact from the implementation of the bill. Currently direct care staff of nursing institutions (i.e., registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, nurse aides, and nursing assistants) are required to complete a specified number of hours each year for dementia. The Department assumed in the response the flexibility to amend the rule requiring training to add "dementia" training, to provide no additional cost to the facility, DHS, or the State.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 324 Department of Human Services

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