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TO: Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

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IN RE: HB1867 by Naishtat (Relating to the transfer of money appropriated to provide care for certain persons in nursing facilities to provide community-based services to those persons.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission to quantify the amount of money appropriated by the legislature that would have been spent during the remainder of a state fiscal biennium to care for a person who lives in a nursing facility but is leaving that facility to live in community based services.

The bill would also require the Executive Commissioner to direct

- (1) the Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer an amount not to exceed the amount quantified among the health and human services agencies and the commission as necessary to comply with this section; or
- (2) the commission or a health and human services agency to transfer an amount not to exceed the amount quantified under that subsection within the agency's budget as necessary to comply with this section.

The bill would also require the commission to ensure that the amount transferred under this section is redirected by the commission or health and human services agency to one or more community based programs in the amount necessary to provide community based services to the person after the person leaves the nursing facility.

HHSC projects that workload due to directing and ensuring transfers of funds would be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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