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TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB27 by Nelson (Relating to a pilot program to educate residents and families of residents of nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded about advance care planning.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to develop and implement a pilot program to increase the use of advance directives by nursing home and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded residents by educating the residents and the families about advance care planning. DADS would be required to submit a report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and appropriate standing committees no later than October 1, 2010, evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot with a recommendation to continue, expand, or eliminate the pilot program. The Health and Human Services Commission would be required to adopt rules for the implementation of this pilot program. Both agencies indicate that pilot costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 539 Aging and Disability Services, Department of

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