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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3118 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Patient to staff ratios in nursing homes
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Kokolis and Stein
Impact Date: January 30, 2017

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Pending	\$0
Other and Federal	Pending	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds for the Department of Health and Environmental Control, as the agency currently regulates nursing home staffing ratios. The expenditure impact on the Department of Mental Health is undetermined, pending a response from the agency.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill increases the minimum number of non-licensed nursing staff required to provide care in nursing homes during second and third shifts. Under current law, the minimum patient-staff ratio of 9 to 1 is required for shift 1, 13 to 1 for shift 2, and 22 to 1 for shift 3. The bill would require a minimum ratio of 9 to 1 for all shifts as a condition of licensure.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as the department currently regulates nursing home staffing ratios. The bill does not impact the department’s current oversight procedures or require any additional agency responsibilities.

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Department of Mental Health. The expenditure impact on the department is undetermined, pending a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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