

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	23-3926/1	Introduction Number	AB-0942	Estimate Type	Original
Description fall prevention and recovery training, CPR and first aid certification, a duty to provide aid in certain residential facilities and hospices, and granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would require the Department of Health Services to develop or identify fall prevention and recovery training programs for certain employees of, and for patients and residents of, residential care apartment complexes (RCACs), community-based residential facilities (CBRFs), nursing homes, and hospices. These settings must administer fall prevention and recovery trainings to any employee whom DHS specifies is to receive the training and to patients and residents of the facilities.

This bill also requires these settings have at least one employee with current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), at least one employee with current certification in first aid, and at least one employee who has received fall prevention and recovery training available on the premises at all times a resident or patient is present in the setting.

The Department anticipates an increase in workload for staff who conduct facility inspections (referred to as surveys) if the provisions of this bill were to be implemented. The Department estimates an additional hour per survey of RCACs and CBRFs to discuss the new compliance standards and provide resources to meet the standard in the case of noncompliance. There are currently 365 RCACs and 1,557 CBRFs for which the Department provides oversight. The Department does not have sufficient staff to absorb the additional survey workload. Further, in the event of noncompliance, follow-up surveys must be conducted to ensure the facilities have come into compliance with state laws. The Department estimates it would need at least 1.0 FTE to meet the additional workload the provisions in this bill would create. The cost of 1.0 FTE Quality Assurance Program Specialist would be \$71,200 All Funds (\$35,900 GPR and \$35,300 FED).

The Department expects no additional costs to ensure the provisions of this bill are met in nursing homes and hospice settings.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications