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Bill Number:	S. 1059	Introduced on February 8, 2022
Author:	Verdin	
Subject:	Medication provision in certain facilities	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Boggs	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill adds intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities as a facility that may allow an employee who is not a licensed nurse but with documented medication training and skill competency evaluation to provide medicine to the patients of the facility.

The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) anticipates this bill could potentially reduce the need for licensed nurses by 10 percent, resulting in General Fund expenditures savings of approximately \$1,587,000 annually beginning after non-licensed personnel receive training and become CMTs.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill adds intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disability to the list of facilities authorized to allow selected employees who are not licensed nurses but have documented medication training and skill competency evaluation to provide medications. Currently, only licensed nurses may provide medication in these care facilities. This bill allows for certified medication technicians (CMTs) to administer medication in DDSN facilities. DDSN anticipates this could potentially reduce the need for licensed nurses by approximately 10 percent. However, since not all medications could be administered by a CMT and supervision of the CMT by a nurse is required, DDSN cannot project the exact reduction in licensed nurses.

DDSN estimates that 168 direct care staff will need to be trained at a cost of \$90 for training material and \$840 for a week of training costs per individual, resulting in a recurring training cost of approximately \$156,000. Instructor costs include \$200 for materials, a salary of \$1,885 for 7 classes totaling \$13,195, and \$3,770 for 2 weeks' worth of an instructor's time for skill checks, resulting in an instructor cost of approximately \$17,000 and a total annual General Fund expenditure of \$173,000. This increase in expenditures will be offset by savings associated with the reduced need for licensed nurses. The potential reduction for licensed nurses at 10 percent results in a savings of \$1,760,000. Therefore, this bill will result in an overall potential savings of approximately \$1,587,000 in General Fund appropriations beginning in FY 2023-24. However, no savings will occur until non-licensed personnel receive training and become CMTs.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A



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