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Final Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Ginal; Smallwood Rep. McCormick	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: **TRAINING FOR ENTRY-LEVEL HEALTH-CARE WORKERS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires assisted living residences to provide documentation to direct-care workers that complete certain testing and trainings. It increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 only, and may increase state revenue on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2024-25.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes an appropriation of \$30,152 to the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 24-167

		Budget Year FY 2024-25	Out Year FY 2025-26
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$30,152	\$39,137
	Centrally Appropriated	\$5,625	\$9,374
	Total Expenditures	\$35,777	\$48,511
	Total FTE	0.3 FTE	0.5 FTE
Transfers		-	-
Other Budget Impacts	General Fund Reserve	\$4,523	\$5,871

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires assisted living residences to provide to direct-care workers the results of tuberculosis testing and fit testing for respiratory masks, and certificates of completion for certain trainings provided. Direct-care workers may provide results to other assisted living residences to satisfy testing and training requirements when changing employment.

Background

There are approximately 700 assisted living residences in the state with approximately 25,500 beds.

State Revenue

To the extent that assisted living residences are assessed fines or penalties for noncompliance, funds in the Assisted Living Residence Improvement Fund will increase. This fee revenue is subject to TABOR.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) by \$36,000 in FY 2024-25 and \$49,000 in FY 2025-26, paid from the General Fund. Although the CDPHE receives fees for licensing assisted living residences, the Assistance Living Residence Cash Fund does not have sufficient funds to cover the provisions in the bill and the potential for fee increases is limited. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 24-167

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Dept. of Public Health and Environment		
Personal Services	\$23,098	\$38,497
Operating Expenses	\$384	\$640
Capital Outlay Costs	\$6,670	-
Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹	\$5,625	\$9,374
Total Cost	\$35,777	\$48,511
Total FTE	0.3 FTE	0.5 FTE

Department of Public Health and Environment. From FY 2024-25 to FY 2025-26, the CDPHE requires 0.5 FTE to develop regulations for assisted living residences on the testing and training requirements in the bill. This includes preparing, facilitating, and providing subject matter expertise in the rulemaking process. The fiscal note assumes the rulemaking process will occur from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and will include stakeholder meetings and board hearings. Costs are based on prior rulemaking within the department. Staff costs are prorated based on the duration of the rulemaking process.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 6, 2024, and takes effect on January 1, 2025 assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$30,152 to the Department of Public Health and Environment, and 0.3 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

Human Services

Public Health and Environment

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).