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Overview

This bill modifies requirements related to the relocation of residents of nursing homes and board and care homes, and removes the \$2,080 per bed limit for planned closure rate adjustments.

Section

1 Nursing home and board and care home resident relocation. Amends § 144A.161. This section modifies requirements related to resident relocation, and also changes terminology.

Amendments in various subdivisions throughout replace the term "local agency" with the term "county social services agency."

A new subdivision 1a specifies that when a facility is undertaking closure, curtailment, reduction, or change in operations, the facility and the county social services agency must comply with the requirements of this section.

The amendment to subdivision 2 requires facilities to inform prospective residents of the intent to close or curtail, reduce, or change operations, and of the relocation plan.

The amendment to subdivision 3 requires the relocation plan to identify the steps that will be taken to address relocation needs of residents who may be difficult to place due to specialized care needs.

Section

The amendment to subdivision 5 specifies additional requirements for the summary document that must be prepared for each resident and provided to the county social services agency.

The amendment to subdivision 6 requires licensees to submit weekly rather than biweekly status reports.

The amendment to subdivision 8 provides that the requirement that a member of the county social services agency staff visit certain relocated residents does not apply when a facility moved to a new location and residents chose to move to that location, nor to residents admitted after notice of closure who are discharged prior to the closure.

- 2 **Applications for planned closure of nursing facilities.** Amends § 256B.437, subd. 3. For planned closure rate adjustments negotiated after March 1, 2006, removes the \$2,080 per bed limit. Provides that removal of this limit does not constitute an increase in the per-bed dollar amount for purposes of the requirement that the commissioner recalculate planned closure rate adjustments if the per-bed amount is increased. Provides a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2006.