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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Rose

Amend C.S.S.B. 1

Proposed Action

Add the following appropriately numbered rider to the bill pattern of the Health & Human Services Commission.

Rider Language

_____ **Pilot: Reducing Acute Care Stays for Behavioral Complex Patients.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission shall create a pilot program within a geographical region, as chosen by HHSC, to provide a behavioral health per diem \$175 add-on for up to 150 complex patients, at any given time, who reside in a nursing facility and require a high level of behavioral health supports and services. For a nursing facility to receive the add-on:

- a. The patient must have a clinically documented history of persistent and disruptive behaviors that require moderate to frequent behavioral interventions;
- b. The nursing facility shall provide enhanced care and support for the patient aimed at improving patient outcomes and lowering costs including the unnecessary utilization of emergency room visits including:
 - i. specialized staff training,
 - j. creation and implementation of a person-centered behavioral support plan, and
 - k. behavior management services provided by a team of behavioral health professionals, including medication management, behavioral intervention and psychotherapy.

HHSC shall collect and assess outcome-based data to determine the cost savings of the pilot population versus other behaviorally complex patients. HHSC shall provide a status update to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor by January 1, 2027 on initial findings and recommendations on how to expand the pilot for the following biennium.