SUMMARY: House Bill 2510, Printer’s Number 3799, is a free-standing bill known as the Regional Response Health Collaborative Act. This legislation would be effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires the Department of Human Services to: divide the state into six regions; solicit proposals from health collaboratives to provide operations, management and administration in each region to protect residents in facilities from COVID-19; and contract with at least one health collaborative in each region. Each health care collaborative shall 1) promote health and stabilize the economy of the region by directly supporting COVID-19 readiness and response in facilities 2) improve the quality of care related to infection prevention and other priority health care conditions common to facilities and 3) expand COVID-19 testing to include asymptomatic staff and residents in facilities to expand public health surveillance.

Each health collaborative shall perform daily strategic review of their region’s facilities and formulate action plans tailored to facilities with unmet needs. The regional health collaboratives must provide for: enhanced testing capability; infection control consultation and implementation, including contact tracing; and advanced clinical care, including remote monitoring and physician consultation. The facilities covered in HB 2510 include assisted living residences, long-term care facilities and personal care homes.

In addition, HB 2510 adds Section 6, Emergency Appropriations for Human Services, providing federal appropriations for Long-Term Care, Long-Term Care Managed Care, Community HealthChoices, Intellectual Disabilities – Community Waiver Program and Autism Intervention and Services in the Department of Human Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: HB 2510 appropriates $500,000,000 in federal funds received from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the Department of Human Services to implement the Regional Response Health Collaborative and a total of $767,000,000 in federal funds from the CARES Act for the Long-Term Care, Long-Term Care Managed Care, Community HealthChoices, Intellectual Disabilities – Community Waiver Program and Autism Intervention and Services appropriations.
Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.