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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires nursing facilities in counties with low nursing facility bed to population ratios to provide 180 days notice to the commissioner of health of closure or curtailment of operations, and requires the commissioner to evaluate alternatives and provide technical assistance.

### Section

- 1 **Cessation of operations.** Amends § 144A.16. Requires nursing facilities located in a county with a ratio of nursing facility beds to residents age 85 and over that is in the lowest quartile to provide the commissioner of health with 180 days notice of closure or a curtailment of operations that involves resident relocation. (The current notice period applying to all facilities is 90 days.) Requires the commissioner, in cooperation with controlling persons of the facility, to evaluate and recommend alternatives to cessation or curtailment of operations, and provide technical assistance upon request. Following the evaluation, allows controlling persons to continue with plans to close or curtail operations, subject to the notice period.
- 2 **Effective date.** Provides an immediate effective date for section 1.