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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 211 prohibits mandating overtime by primary patient health care workers except in unforseen emergencies and after all other options have been exhausted. The bill does not define unforeseeable emergency to indicate whether, for example, it would include difficult travel conditions such as inclement weather or only health emergencies such as natural disaster or epidemic. The bill also does not specify what other options must first be exhausted before overtime may be mandated. Differing interpretations of these situations would have varied effects on costs. The Department of Employment Relations cannot predict how various state agencies will comply with this regulation so the potential costs are indeterminate.

Potential costs are:

- * Agencies may need to recruit additional staff to be available for patient care in emergencies or to cover during other circumstances when overtime is currently mandated. The availability of skilled workers will vary for each facility. Increased demand from a limited pool of candidates could cause an increase in wages and benefit costs needed to attract and retain qualified candidates.
- * Agencies may need to increase contracting for services by the following occupational groups nurse clinician, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse assistant. Again, each facility will experience different compensation costs due to the availability of providers with qualified staff.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications