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HB-8004

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, A
STANDARD SELF-EMPLOYMENT EXPENSE DEDUCTION FOR
TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE, THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE TO SUPPORT THE
FIREFIGHTERS CANCER RELIEF PROGRAM, COURTHOUSE
OPERATIONS, DATA PROTECTION AND PROCEDURES FOR
REDISTRICTING AND CORRECTING DISTRICTING ERRORS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 10992)

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	210,000 to 510,000	None
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Department of Administrative Services	Firefighters Cancer Relief Account - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: SF=Special Fund (Non-appropriated); GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 requires the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee (TCBHPPC) to conduct a study concerning existing behavioral health services for children and anticipated demand for future services resulting in no fiscal impact because the Committee has the necessary expertise and resources to conduct the study.

Section 2 requires the TCBHPPC to develop a survey for

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administration at school-based health centers and allows the committee to contract with a consultant resulting in a potential cost to the Office of Legislative Management (OLM)¹. If the committee decides to contract with a consultant, there is a potential cost to OLM of up to \$10,000².

Additionally, this section requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop appropriate reporting requirements for school-based health centers resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because DPH has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

Section 3 does not result in a fiscal impact as the Department of Social Services can comply with the reporting requirements with current resources.

Section 4 allows the TCBHPPC to contract with the Yale Child Study Center to determine if additional federal funding is available and to conduct a trial of the center to see if it may qualify as an evidence-based treatment program resulting in a potential cost to the OLM. If the committee decides to contract with Yale for these services, there is a potential cost to OLM of approximately \$200,000 to \$500,000. The exact cost is dependent on the services requested and the terms of the contract between Yale and the committee.

Sections 5 and 6 does not result in an impact to the state as it conforms statute to current practice.

Section 7 creates a working group to review private health insurance coverage for treatment of children at urgent crisis centers resulting in no fiscal impact because the working group has the expertise to meet the requirements of the section.

Section 8 creates an advisory committee to advise the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight resulting in no fiscal impact to

¹The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee resides in OLM's budget.

²The exact cost will depend on the hourly rate of the consultant and the number of hours the consultant will need to work to help create the survey.

the state because the committee has the expertise to meet the requirements of this section.

Section 9 adds three members to the TCBHPPC resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

Sec. 10 establishes a standard deduction for self-employed individuals for purposes of eligibility for Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This is not anticipated to result in a direct fiscal impact as the agency has the expertise to implement the administrative process change and it is not anticipated to require a change in the eligibility system. To the extent that the use of the standard deduction enables the Department of Social Services (DSS) to mitigate the state's SNAP payment error rate, it could lessen the impact of the state's share of benefit payments as required under P.L. 119-21 (2025 Budget Reconciliation Act), beginning in FY 28.

Section 11 postpones, by one year, a revenue gain to the Firefighters Cancer Relief Account by delaying implementation of, and eliminating opt out provisions for, a new \$0.05 monthly fee on certain phone lines. Under the bill, the revised provisions are anticipated to generate revenue of approximately \$1.5 million in FY 27 and approximately \$3 million once annualized in FY 28.

Sections 12 and 13, which affect law enforcement procedures on courthouse grounds, result in no fiscal impact to the Judicial Department because the department can comply with the bill's requirements with existing resources.

Section 14 allows the Attorney General to bring an action against individuals or entities who violate certain personal information disclosures resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent violations occur.

Section 15 results in no fiscal impact as it makes clarifying and technical changes regarding updates to the statewide centralized voter registration system (CVRS) and how errors are handled.

House "A" strikes section 14 of the underlying bill and replaces it with language that result in the same fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of phone lines subject to the bill's provisions and inflation.

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