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AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONNECTICUT VACCINE STANDARDS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	Potential	Potential

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to state laws on immunizations resulting in: (1) a potential cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) beginning in FY 27; and (2) potential savings to DPH and various municipalities also beginning in FY 27, as described below.

Section 2 allows DPH to purchase vaccines for the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) by means other than through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under certain conditions, resulting in potential savings beginning in FY 27 subject to available opportunities where alternative procurement options reduce state costs and increase efficiency.

Sections 9 and 10 establish a state-funded Vaccines for Adults

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Program to provide certain vaccines at no cost to underinsured or uninsured adults, resulting in a potential cost to DPH beginning in FY 27. The exact cost will depend on funding provided and the number of vaccines purchased as determined by the Commissioner. DPH currently operates a similar, more limited program using federal Section 317 funds from the CDC.

This also results in a potential savings to municipalities beginning in FY 27 to the extent: (1) DPH distributes vaccines to municipal health authorities; and (2) in the absence of the bill, municipalities would have covered this cost. Any savings to municipalities is dependent on which vaccine costs are covered by DPH.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.