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sHB-5480

AN ACT CONCERNING PEER SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER THE
MEDICAID PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with expanding Medicaid coverage for peer support services (recovery-focused behavioral health services). The bill requires DSS to amend the Medicaid state plan to integrate peer support services into care teams funded under the medical assistance program and provide Medicaid reimbursement to peer support specialists for such services.¹ The extent of the increased cost is dependent on utilization of the expanded service coverage and rates established.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the Medicaid rates established and service utilization.

¹ For context, peer support services are currently included under the substance use disorder residential treatment per diem rate, which ranges from approximately \$350 - \$500 and supports several levels of service.