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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP AND INCREASING STATE ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND DEAF.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Aging and Disability Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund e

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the annual per person cap for the DeafBlind grant program administered by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS) from \$10,000 to \$14,000 per person. This results in a potential cost to ADS to the extent that any individuals receive a grant between \$10,000 and \$14,000. ADS spent \$3,125 per person in FY 25.¹

The bill also establishes a working group for American Sign Language education, which does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

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

¹ Grant spending was \$165,660 in FY 25, disbursed to 53 recipients.