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AN ACT CONCERNING A BASIC HEALTH 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

Section 1 results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with establishing a basic health program. DSS will incur initial contracting costs of at least \$750,000 to develop and submit the required waiver as well as costs for additional staff and resources to perform an actuarial analysis, procure a managed care organization, and set up other potentially necessary operational mechanisms to implement the program. The costs to implement the program are dependent on how the program is ultimately structured.

Section 2 establishes the "basic health program account", which is a separate, non-lapsing account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by DSS solely for the purposes of operating a basic health program referenced in section 1.

Section 3, which does not result in a fiscal impact, requires DSS to establish a working group to oversee the design of the basic health program and submit on the working group's recommendations for a basic health program no later than December 1, 2026.

Section 4, which does not result in a fiscal impact, requires DSS to

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hold at least one public hearing and a series of stakeholder engagement meetings prior to implementation of the basic health program.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject the creation of a basic health program and funding available for such purposes.