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SB-263

AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SAFETY AND SWIM
INSTRUCTION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 - FY 28 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	Approx. \$1 million/6,000 lessons

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a significant cost to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), beginning in FY 27, associated with requiring the department to establish and administer a free swim program to certain children who qualify. It is estimated that every 6,000 lessons administered by DEEP will result in an additional cost of approximately \$1 million. The cost estimate is based on a previously funded free swim program administered by DEEP, which provided free swim lessons at various state parks¹.

It is estimated that there are approximately 202,959 SNAP households and 29,768 WIC children who could qualify under the program. The exact number of eligible participants would be dependent upon where the children reside, as only families who reside in a qualified census tract are eligible.

¹ This program was funded with \$1 million in ARPA funds allocated to DEEP (\$500,000 in FY 22 and \$500,000 in FY 23).

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of lessons administered.