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SB-381

AN ACT REQUIRING PROGRAMS CONCERNING PROBLEM GAMBLING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 27 \$ | FY 28 \$ |
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| Constituent Units of Higher Education | OF - Cost | Potential | Potential |

Note: OF= Other Funds

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost annually beginning in FY 27 to the constituent units of higher education. It requires each public institution of higher education to conduct one on-campus program concerning problem gambling each year.

The per campus cost of one problem gambling program can vary significantly depending on the program's itinerary. Cost associated with educational materials, event space and technology, speaker fees, and food and refreshments could be up to \$10,000. At \$5,000 per campus: (1) at UConn, this results in an annual cost of \$25,000 across Storrs and the four regional campuses; and (2) at the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, this results in an annual cost of \$80,000 across the four state universities and 12 CT State campuses.

The bill allows UConn and CSCU to each contract with a nonprofit to conduct problem gambling programming. If the contract requires the nonprofit to cover all, or a portion of, the program cost, the above stated

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cost could be significantly reduced or eliminated.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the cost of problem gambling programs, and the provisions of contracts the constituent units of higher education enter into with nonprofits.