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HB-5597

AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9972)

House Calendar No.: 311

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to establish a pilot program in up to five communities by January 1, 2022 to provide grants to serve persons with opioid use disorder. Grants will support at least two peer navigators to meet the provisions of the amendment, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000 per community.

The amendment requires DMHAS to report to the Public Health Committee by January 1, 2023 regarding the success of the pilot program and recommendations to continue or expand such program to other areas of the state.

Section 2, which requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish and raise awareness of guidelines for the use of evidence based, nonpharmaceutical therapies to treat chronic pain, has no fiscal impact.

House "A" strikes the language in the underlying bill and the

associated fiscal impact and results in the impact described above.

The Out Years

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