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sHB-6531

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL IN EVICTION
PROCEEDINGS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a right to counsel in eviction proceedings, to be administered by the Connecticut Bar Foundation (CBF), and does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The bill requires CBF to contract with not-for-profit legal services organizations to provide legal representation. The CBF receives a grant from the state through a Judicial Department pass-through account (FY 21 amount is \$1,397,144). The remaining funds for the CBF comes from the interest on lawyers' trust accounts (IOLTA). In calendar year 2019, the total CBF expenses related to legal services was \$18,034,030. Both the General Fund appropriation and IOLTA funds are not changed in this bill.

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