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SB-660

AN ACT EXPANDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS SUFFERED BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN CONNECTION WITH COVID-19.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 9334)

Senate Calendar No.: 268

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 22 \$</b>	<b>FY 23 \$</b>
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 22 \$</b>	<b>FY 23 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE <sup>1</sup> - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

This bill results in a potential cost to the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the extent that DOC employees apply for Workers' Compensation benefits and meet the conditions of the bill. For reference, there are 6,000 current DOC employees, and this bill expands Workers' Compensation benefits to all DOC employees

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<sup>1</sup> State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

suffering from post-traumatic stress injuries (PTSI). This bill also results in a potential cost to other various state agencies and various municipalities who employ EMS personnel, telecommunicators, and health care providers to the extent that these employees apply for Workers' Compensation benefits due to PTSI and COVID-19 related conditions and meet the other conditions of the bill.

Senate "A" makes technical and clarifying changes that have no fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

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

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