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SB-1016

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
State Ethics, Off.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 of the bill requires, by January 1, 2022, the Office of State Ethics (OSE), in consultation with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and Connecticut Council of Small Towns, to develop and publish on its website a model municipal code of ethics which may be adopted by municipalities. The bill further requires, by October 1, 2022, that each municipality adopts and maintains a code of ethics. It exempts the requirement for municipalities that have adopted an ethics code prior to January 1, 2022. Finally, this section requires each municipality to submit a notice to OSE certifying whether it has complied with the requirements of this section by January 15, 2023. No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of this section of the bill.

Section 2 requires OSE to submit a report to the General Assembly indicating the status of the compliance of each municipality with the requirements of section 1 of this bill by no later than January 1, 2024. No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of this provision.

Section 3 allows OSE to conduct a municipal ethics education program for municipal officials or employees or for organizations

made up of municipal members. Depending on the number of municipal ethics education programs conducted, OSE may need additional resources to fulfill this provision of the bill.

The Out Years

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