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HB-5247

AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND
AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE DEFINITION OF
EMPLOYER UNDER THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH ACT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill clarifies that volunteer fire departments and volunteer ambulance companies fall within the state's Occupational Safety and Health Act (Conn-OSHA), unless it is demonstrated that they are under federal OSHA jurisdiction. This does not result in any fiscal impact as the Department of Labor has historically considered such entities within its jurisdiction.

From FY 18 through FY 22 year-to-date, these entities have paid between \$800 and \$10,000 annually in OSHA penalties.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None