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SB-204

AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY
CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF A MOTOR
VEHICLE OWNED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost to municipalities from eliminating governmental immunity as a valid defense in a civil suit involving negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Any potential costs would vary based on the amounts awarded to plaintiffs and the number of suits brought annually.

As the bill applies only to political subdivisions of the state, there is no fiscal impact to the state itself.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the terms of any civil suit brought against a municipality.