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AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED AT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS EXAMINATIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill could result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with establishing Medicaid coverage for suicide risk assessments and mental health evaluations provided at school-based health centers or public schools. DSS currently covers comprehensive psychiatric diagnostic evaluations at these locations. To the extent the bill requires DSS to establish coverage for a new, less comprehensive screening DSS could experience a fiscal impact. This impact is dependent on the utilization of the service and rate established for such screening.

The bill could also result in a revenue gain to towns to the extent they

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would receive Medicaid reimbursement for services currently provided by schools but are not reimbursable.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to service utilization and the Medicaid rate established.