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AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS HEALTH CT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 24 \$ | FY 25 \$ |
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| Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange | Resources of the Exchange - Cost | Greater than 3.3 million | See Below |

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in significant IT development costs for the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (“exchange”) in FY 24. The bill requires the exchange, a quasi-public state agency, to implement an enhanced direct enrollment (EDE) process for the next two open enrollment periods. This would allow carriers and licensed web brokers to directly enroll prospective enrollees in qualified health plans.

Under federal rules for states that use HealthCare.gov (to run federally based exchanges), EDE allows licensed web brokers or exchange carriers to directly enroll prospective enrollees in a separate platform (often their own website) that connects with the federal exchange’s platform behind the scenes. The one-time cost to implement something similar in Connecticut’s exchange for the first carrier is estimated at \$3.3 million; there would be incremental costs to connect each additional entity.

To the extent additional connections are set up after June 30, 2024, costs could also be incurred in FY 25.

The Out Years

There is no anticipated fiscal impact in the out years.