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SB-1211

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER
PILOT PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to establish a mental health crisis center pilot program. The bill requires that the pilot be located in one region of the state as a dedicated facility for the provision of mental health services to those in crisis who have been redirected from hospital emergency departments. DMHAS does not currently have a facility solely for this purpose and would incur significant costs to either (1) establish and staff such a location or (2) contract with a provider able to meet the pilot program requirements. For context, the cost to provide mental health services varies based on need and setting and can range from \$60,000 per bed annually to more than \$150,000 annually for a more intensive residential setting. The actual costs are dependent on the terms and conditions of the pilot to be prescribed by the agency.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the scope and length of the pilot.