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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE
WORKFORCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Aging and Disability Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	10,000	None
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	1,061,000	250,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Aging and Disability (ADS) services. The impacts from the bill are broken out by section below. Other provisions of the bill are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

Section 2, which requires DPH to study methods to address the shortage of radiologic technologists, nuclear medicine technologists and respiratory care practitioners in Connecticut, develop a plan to address such shortage, and report on this plan by 2/1/24, results in a cost to the agency of approximately \$61,000 in FY 24 for a consultant.¹

Section 3, which requires DPH to provide a dental hygiene written and practical examination in English and Spanish, results in a cost of approximately \$1 million in FY 24 for a consultant to convert the existing

¹It is estimated that it will take a Healthcare Strategic Planning consultant three months to complete these requirements at a cost of \$127.39 per hour.

English written and practical examination into Spanish.² It is anticipated that the development of the examination will take a full fiscal year, and, therefore, that the Spanish dental hygiene examination will be ready beginning in FY 25. Ongoing costs for exam proctoring, statistical item analysis, and scoring are estimated at approximately \$250,000 annually, beginning in FY 25.

Section 6, which requires ADS to conduct a study to evaluate gaps in communication for deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind persons' access to medical providers, results in a cost of \$10,000 in FY 24. To undertake the study, the Department will need to hire a graduate fellow from a Connecticut-based institution in FY 24 to assist with the research, data collection, and drafting of the report on the recommendations.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact to DPH identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The cost to ADS is in FY 24 only.

²Licensing exams are proprietary and cannot be translated by a third party, such as the State of Connecticut.