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HB-6821

AN ACT CONCERNING CYTOMEGALOVIRUS. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	None	165,258
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	None	8,244

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the language of the underlying bill, replacing it with language that is anticipated to result in a cost to the state of approximately \$173,502 in FY 25.

Section 1 that requires all Connecticut newborns be screened for cytomegalovirus on and after 7/1/25, which results in a cost in FY 25 to the Department of Public Health (DPH) of approximately \$165,258 and a cost to the Office of State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits of approximately \$8,244. The cost to DPH reflects the salary of a Microbiologist II for a quarter of the fiscal year, a one-time equipment expense of approximately \$64,693, and other supply and equipment service contract expenses totaling approximately \$81,313 to support test

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

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validation before newborn screening begins at the start of FY 26.

Section 2 of the amendment, which requires DPH to convene a working group to study issues concerning cytomegalovirus, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

State costs in the out years of approximately \$450,995 in FY 26, \$467,344 in FY 27, and \$484,305 in FY 28 reflect annualized expenses to screen approximately 38,000 newborns per year for cytomegalovirus at the State Public Health Laboratory. These include the salary for the Microbiologist II (approximately \$78,934 in FY 26, \$80,907 in FY 27, and \$82,930 in FY 28), associated fringe benefits (approximately \$33,800 in FY 26, \$34,645 in FY 27, and \$35,511 in FY 28) and other supply and equipment service contract expenses (approximately \$338,262 in FY 26, \$351,792 in FY 27, and \$365,864 in FY 28).

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