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sHB-5002

AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND
EDUCATION.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 5504)

House Calendar No.: 407

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 establishes the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund and requires the Office of the State Treasurer to administer it. A onetime cost of up to \$75,000 is associated with establishing the fund in accordance with the bill's requirements.

Section 2 establishes the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund Advisory Commission within the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) resulting in a potential cost to OLM. This section allows Commission members to seek travel expense reimbursements or stipends resulting in a potential minimal cost to OLM to the extent these are approved and issued by the agency.

Section 3 results in a cost to the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) beginning in FY 25 to establish the Tri-Share Pilot Matching Program serving New London County. The bill requires OEC to enter into an agreement with an administrator, which would receive up to ten percent of the funds allocated for the program to support administrative costs. The extent of the costs to establish and operate the program is dependent on the scope of the program and the funding available.

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Section 4 establishes and administers a wage supplement and childcare program enhancement grant. The amendment directs \$9 million of the FY 25 Early Care and Education appropriation within OEC for this purpose.

House "A" strikes the language in the underlying bill and results in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the operation of the Tri-Share Pilot Program. The bill requires that the program operate for a minimum of two years.

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