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sHB-5436

AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	1 million to 2 million	1 million to 2 million
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	50,000	100,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	20,625	41,250

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in: (1) a revenue loss to the resources of the General Fund of approximately \$1 million to \$2 million annually beginning in FY 25; and (2) a cost of \$70,625 in FY 25 and \$141,250 in FY 26 and annually thereafter to the state

The bill makes a variety of changes to the educator certification process, including eliminating or reducing certain licensing requirements and associated fees. The elimination and reduction of certain fees results in an annual revenue loss of approximately \$1 million to \$2 million to the resources of the General Fund.

The bill also establishes a Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board and requires the board to develop a variety of

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 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

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reports and proposals regarding a comprehensive update of the educator certification process.

It is anticipated that SDE will have to hire one administrator to staff the board, resulting in annualized costs of \$141,250 beginning in FY 26. The salary for such a position is anticipated to be \$100,000, with associated fringe benefits costs of \$41,250. FY 25 costs of \$70,625 (\$50,000 for salary and \$20,625 for fringe benefits) are associated with a January 1, 2025 hire date.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.