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AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUOUS MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY
FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	up to \$950,000	\$6.5 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) due to requiring continuous eligibility under Medicaid for children up to age six. DSS would incur initial costs of up to \$950,000 in FY 25 to support waiver development and system costs associated with extended eligibility requirements. Maintaining support for children who would have otherwise exited the program is estimated to cost approximately \$6.5 million in FY 26.¹

The Out Years

Costs will continue to increase annually until approximately FY 30 when program costs are annualized. This is estimated to result in state costs of up to \$55 million. The actual cost is dependent on the number of children up to age six who remain on Medicaid who would have otherwise exited the program.

¹ Assumes 0.2 percent of children under age 6 would exit the program each month.