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AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY IN THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill may result in savings to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the extent that certain health care providers do not meet workplace health and safety standards specified by the bill. Providers must submit evidence of adoption and implementation of such standards as a condition of receiving payment for services provided under Medicaid and HUSKY B.

The bill may also result in increased costs to DSS associated with (1) enhanced rates to entities for timely reporting of any workplace violence incidents, and (2) increased fees to home health care agencies that provide escorts for safety purposes to staff conducting home visits. Current law allows, but does not require, DSS to provide increased fees to agencies that show extraordinary costs related to escorts. The extent of the costs are dependent on the enhanced rates and fees to be determined by DSS.

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The Out Years

The ongoing fiscal impact identified above is subject to the number of entities that (1) do not meet the specified standards, (2) make timely reports, and (3) provide safety escorts .