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AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND
EDUCATION.

AMENDMENT

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See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the language of the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, replacing it with language anticipated to result in the following fiscal impacts described below. Other provisions of the amendment do not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

Section 1 establishes the Early Childhood Care and Education Fund and requires the Office of the State Treasurer to administer it. A one-time 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

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costs. The extent of the costs to establish and operate the program is dependent on the scope of the program and the funding available.

Section 4 results in a cost to OEC beginning in FY 25 associated with establishing and administering a wage supplement and childcare program enhancement grant. OEC will incur annual staffing costs of approximately \$165,000, with associated fringe benefit costs of approximately \$68,000, to support the administration of the program. The amendment directs \$9 million of the FY 25 Early Care and Education appropriation within the Office of Early Childhood for this purpose.

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