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OFA Fiscal Note

Potential Cost

Section 9 requires municipalities to register a ".gov" internet top-level domain and redirect any existing Internet web site addresses maintained by such municipality to the new ".gov" domain. This results in a potential cost to various municipalities in FY 25 and FY 26 to the extent they do not have the necessary staff to transition to a .gov domain.

Currently, 116 of Connecticut's 169 municipalities do not have a ".gov" top-level domain and will need to register a new domain with such designation. There is no registration cost for entities eligible for the ".gov" designation. There is no fiscal impact to municipalities that already use a .gov domain or have the staff necessary to complete the transition to the new domain.

For towns without the resources to complete the transition, there is a federal grant program administered by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency within the United States Department of Homeland Security that assists with the transition process¹.

Section 501 results in a cost to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to develop and administer a grant-in-aid program to assist municipalities with populations not exceeding 20,000 in meeting the

¹ <https://www.cisa.gov/state-and-local-cybersecurity-grant-program>

provisions of Section 9. The amendment also mandates OPM to provide technical assistance to such municipalities if requested. The actual cost to OPM to fund the program will be dependent upon the number of grants awarded, the amounts awarded, and the number of technical assistance requests. The amendment does not specify a funding source for the grant.

To implement this program, it is anticipated that OPM will require two durational full-time staff at an annual cost of \$222,553 (\$157,560 in salary and \$64,993 in fringe) for three years. This includes one Grant Administration Lead Planning Analyst to administer the program and one Information Technology Analyst 1 to provide technical support. The duration of the two positions will not last beyond June 30, 2027.

The amendment also pushes out the deadline by which towns must complete the transition to a '.gov' domain to 2027. This does not result in a fiscal impact to municipalities.

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