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AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 19 \$</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>
Rehabilitation Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	56,450	73,200
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Potential Cost	19,890	26,520

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), within available appropriations, to provide specific assistance to senior centers in Connecticut and to establish a statewide senior center work group. There are approximately 168 senior centers throughout the state.

Currently, the DORS Unit on Aging has one position that is partially dedicated to supporting the state's senior centers, which is insufficient to meet the requirements of the bill. The agency would require \$56,450 in FY 19 (partial year) and \$73,200 in FY 20 (annualized) for a Field Representative position to provide the specified assistance. It should be noted that the bill requires the senior

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<sup>1</sup>The 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 36.33% of payroll in FY 19 and FY 20.

center assistance work be provided within available appropriations. It does not appear that this mandates the agency to perform the activity regardless of available funding, therefore the cost described above is potential.

The bill also codifies current practice by allowing municipalities to establish multipurpose senior centers, which has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

*Sources: Senior Center Task Force Final Report*