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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF CERTIFICATION COURSES IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES IN THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST AID.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	17,522	16,322
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	6,723	6,723

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires that the Department of Public Health (DPH) to accept certain trainings/certification courses from organizations whose trainings/certifications courses are substantially similar to those of organizations already reflected in statute, is anticipated to result in a State cost of approximately \$24,245 in FY 20 and approximately \$23,045 in FY 21.

Currently, DPH does not approve organizations to provide trainings/certifications courses on cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the use of automatic external defibrillators, or first aid.² To do so, it is anticipated that the agency will require a part-time Health Program

¹The 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 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

²The Office of Early Childhood approves of first aid courses for child day care in order to ensure that they meet child care licensing and/or Care4Kids requirements.

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Assistant at a cost of \$16,322 annually and a one-time expense of \$1,200 for a computer and software. Fringe benefits for this position, supported by the Office of the State Comptroller, are estimated at \$6,723 annually.

The part-time Health Program Assistant will: (1) develop the application and renewal process for organizations offering these trainings/certifications, (2) review evidence-based research to determine the National Educational Standards, (3) review organizations' course curriculums to determine if they meet these standards, (4) develop and maintain a searchable database for individuals to find out if a training or certification course has been approved, (5) develop a continuous quality assurance program involving site visits to observe the courses to ensure they are being conducted per the established standards, and (6) to communicate with organizations when standards are updated.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

*Sources: Office of Early Childhood, Approved First Aid Courses For Child Day Care – December 2018, Available:
https://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/licensing/childcare/first_aid_course_list.pdf
Office of Early Childhood, First Aid, CPR and Medication Administration Training Webpage, Available:
<https://www.ct.gov/oec/cwp/view.asp?A=4638&Q=604378>*