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sHB-7163

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9061)

House Calendar No.: 191

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	None	at least 100,000
Rehabilitation Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	5,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which changes the name of the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) to the Department of Aging and Disability Services, is anticipated to result in a cost of approximately \$5,000 in FY 20 related to the signage required for the renaming. It is assumed that the administrative changes related to the renaming of the agency will be phased-in over FY 20.

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with allowing DSS to increase the rate paid for Meals on Wheels under the Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders (CHCPE). To the extent that DSS chooses to increase rates in accordance with the provisions of the bill, it will result in a state cost of

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at least \$100,000 beginning in FY 21.¹ The bill allows DSS to further increase fees for providers with extraordinary costs related to delivery of meals in sparsely populated rural regions.

The bill makes other changes that are technical in nature and have no fiscal impact.

House "A" allows DSS to increase the rate paid for Meals on Wheels under CHCPE and results in the potential cost described above. The amendment, which also makes changes to certain information DORS must review and requires the Department of Public Health to make recommendations, is not anticipated to result in a cost to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

The potential cost associated with a Meals on Wheels rate increase will continue into the future subject to cost-of-living adjustments as measured by the consumer price index.

¹ While the bill does not specify the Consumer Price Index (CPI) that must be applied to the reimbursement rate for Meals-on-Wheels, this estimate assumes the calendar year increase in the CPI for urban consumers (CPI-U).