

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-7222

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Attorney General	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	At least 100,000	At least 100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill expands the authority of the Office of the Attorney General (AG) by specifically allowing the agency to: (1) investigate allegations of hate crimes and civil rights violations; (2) initiate legal proceedings in the state's name.

This could result in a revenue gain to the state anticipated to be at least \$100,000 annually. The amount of any revenue gain depends on: (1) the number of new hate crimes and civil rights violations brought to court under the AG's newly specified authority.<sup>1</sup> Any revenue gain also depends on the amount of monetary damages awarded when the state prevails when these cases are brought to civil court.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

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<sup>1</sup> In 2017, there were 122 hate crimes reported in Connecticut (Source: CT Post, 2018, FBI: *Conn. Law enforcement reported 122 hate crimes in 2017.*)

continue into the future subject to: (1) the number of new hate crimes and civil rights violations brought to court and (2) the amount of monetary damages awarded.