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sHB-7222

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

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8794)

House Calendar No.: 526

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.¹ 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

¹ 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.

House "A" replaces the underlying bill with the provisions and impact described above.

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