HB-7282
AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING FOR SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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<th>Agency Affected</th>
<th>Fund-Effect</th>
<th>FY 20 $</th>
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<td>Public Health, Dept.</td>
<td>GF - Cost</td>
<td>less than 2,500</td>
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Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires that all newborns be tested for spinal muscular atrophy starting 1/1/20, results in a cost to the Department of Public Health of less than $2,500 in FY 20 (half-year) and less than $5,000 in FY 21 (full-year) for test reagents. This estimate assumes approximately 36,000 live births annually. The cost for this test could be recouped if the fee per newborn screened were increased by approximately $0.13.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the cost of testing and the number of newborns screened.

Sources: Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Statistics

1There were 35,673 live births in Connecticut in 2015.

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