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HB-7282

AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING FOR SPINAL
MUSCULAR ATROPHY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	less than 2,500	less than 5,000

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.¹ 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
<https://portal.ct.gov/dph/Health-Information-Systems--Reporting/Hisrhome/Vital-Statistics-Registration-Reports>

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