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sHB-7415

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF NEW REVENUE STREAMS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 11044)

House Calendar No.: 592

Senate Calendar No.: 694

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill makes a number of changes which result in the following fiscal impacts:

Section 1 expands the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) to include tree removal, but does not increase the overall amount of LoCIP funding available to towns. This does not result in any fiscal impact as it is expected that a town would have otherwise used funding available for other eligible projects.

Section 2 makes a technical adjustment that does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 3 requires special taxing districts to report certain mill rate and grand list data to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). This does not result in any fiscal impact.

Sections 4-5 result in a potential grand list reduction in certain municipalities as a result of increasing the number of people eligible for certain mandatory state and local option property tax exemptions for totally disabled veterans. Any grand list reduction that occurs as a

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result of the bill would shift the tax burden away from recipients of these tax exemptions.

In federal fiscal year 2017, there were 3,418 totally disabled veterans in Connecticut. It is not known how many of these people would be eligible for state or local property tax exemptions under the bill's provisions.

Sections 6-7 make a change to the filing deadline for the Renters' Rebate program which does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 8 limits the circumstances under which the OPM is required to provide an advisory opinion on state agencies' proposed actions' compliance with the state plan of conservation and development, which does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 9 expands municipal authority to maintain neglected cemeteries and burial grounds which does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 10 requires municipal assessors, beginning in FY 21, to report to the OPM certain information regarding tax exempt manufacturing machinery and equipment. This has no fiscal impact as it is anticipated municipalities currently track this information.

Sections 11-12 result in a potential cost to the Department of Social Services to the extent increasing the family contribution limit from \$3,400 to \$4,000 results in fewer reductions to the burial benefit payments made by the agency. The extent of the cost will depend on the actual contributions made by families, which is currently unknown.

Section 13 clarifies procurement requirements for electric distribution companies related to renewable energy tariffs. This does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 14 corrects a date included in HB 7424, as amended by House "A" and "B." This does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 15 alters the dates associated with contracting savings initiatives included in section 51 of HB 7424, as amended by House "A" and "B," to be \$5,000,000 in FY 20 and \$15,000,000 in FY 21 to conform to the intent of the budget.

Section 16 provides \$100,000 in FY 20 and FY 21 to the Beardsley Zoo from the Judicial Department Youth Services Prevention account.

Section 17 makes a clarifying change concerning the Regional Performance Incentive Account which does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 18 makes technical and conforming changes to section 378 of HB 7424, as amended by House "A" and "B," related to premiums charged by the Office of the State Comptroller to non-state public employers. This does not result in any fiscal impact.

Section 19 makes a conforming change that does not result in any fiscal impact.

House "A" eliminates the original bill and its associated fiscal impact and results in the impacts described above.

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