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SB-380

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND WELLNESS TRAINING AND SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

There is a cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and municipalities resulting from the bill, which permits law enforcement departments to request a psychiatric examination be performed on an officer prior to them returning to duty. This requirement may result in additional overtime costs to law enforcement units if officers that are subject to such examinations are not deemed fit for duty. For context, DESPP spends approximately \$400 per day, per officer on overtime wages and fringe benefits.

The bill also requires DESPP and municipalities, in consultation with labor organizations, to develop a list of qualified medical professionals that may be used for such examinations, and may be sought for treatment by officers. This has no fiscal impact, as it is expected that DESPP can compile such a list within existing staffing and resources.

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The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.