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sSB-393

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Department of Developmental Services	GF - Cost	150,000 - 500,000	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Developmental Services to analyze and update the department's level of need (LON) assessment, which is a standardized screening tool. The consulting costs associated with this process are estimated to range from \$150,000 to \$500,000 in FY 20. The cost would depend on the scope of the contract, which could include new data collection for validity and reliability testing, analysis of the new data, assessor training, retesting for validity and reliability, and revisions to the tool's algorithm.

The LON is used by an individual's Planning and Support Team to help determine the supports and services needed and associated funding.¹ While the bill does not address the funding associated with the LON score, any revisions to the LON have the potential to alter the appropriate levels of supports for individuals that cannot be

¹ The FY 19 Interim Rates for Day and Residential Services by LON can be found [here](#).

determined prior to such revisions.

The Out Years

As the requirements of the bill are to be completed by January 1, 2020, the consulting costs identified above are limited to FY 20.