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sSB-706

AN ACT CONCERNING EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTORS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	17,522	16,322
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	6,723	6,723

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires that the Department of Public Health (DPH) approve of first aid courses and the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to approve of certain medical protocol trainings, is anticipated to result in a State cost of approximately \$24,245 in FY 20 and approximately \$23,045 in FY 21.

Currently, DPH does not approve of first aid courses.² To do so, it is anticipated that the agency will require a part-time Health Program Assistant at a cost of \$16,322 annually and a computer and software (a one-time expense of \$1,200). Fringe benefits for this position, provided by the State Comptroller are \$6,723 annually. The Health Program Assistant will: (1) develop the application and renewal process for organizations offering first aid, (2) review evidence-based research to

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

²The Office of Early Childhood approves of first aid courses for child day care in order to ensure that they meet child care licensing and/or Care4Kids requirements.

determine the National Educational Standards, (3) review organizations' course curriculums to assure that they meet these standards, (4) develop and maintain a searchable database for individuals to determine if their first aid course has been approved, (5) develop a continuous quality assurance program involving site visits to observe the courses being approved to ensure they are being conducted per the established standards, and (6) to communicate with organizations when standards are updated as new technology arises.

The bill, which also requires DCP to: (1) collect medical protocol agreements, (2) certify a training program, and (3) adopt regulations. Currently, DCP has the resources and expertise required to implement these provisions of the bill and, therefore, they are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the agency.

The Out Years

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

*Sources: Office of Early Childhood, Approved First Aid Courses For Child Day Care – December 2018, Available:
https://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/licensing/childcare/first_aid_course_list.pdf
Office of Early Childhood, First Aid, CPR and Medication Administration Training Webpage, Available:
<https://www.ct.gov/oec/cwp/view.asp?A=4638&Q=604378>*