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SB-848

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS AND
CEMETERIES.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 10111)

Senate Calendar No.: 63

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

The bill increases the maximum allowable amount, from \$8,000 to \$10,000, of an irrevocable funeral service contract¹ and requires that unexpended funeral funds, post-service, be returned to the Department of Social Services (DSS). Funding returned to DSS may offset the potential shift in payments related to the timing of Medicaid eligibility that could occur due to the increase in the maximum allowable amount of contracts.

The bill also eliminates a prohibition on selling crypts or rooms in any public mausoleum or columbarium before the structures are completed, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

Senate "A" strikes the language of the underlying bill and replaces it with the impact described above.

The Out Years

The ongoing fiscal impact is dependent on the shift in certain payments and repayments received by DSS.

¹Irrevocable funeral service contracts are established to pay for a Medicaid applicant's funeral in advance.

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