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SB-859

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	19,531	23,641
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	7,303	9,738
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a certification program for Community Health Workers (CHW) by 1/1/20. This is anticipated to result in a State cost of approximately \$26,834 in FY 20 and \$33,379 in FY 21 to certify an estimated 400 individuals in the first fiscal year and approximately 15 more in each fiscal year thereafter. Costs to DPH of \$19,531 in FY 20 and \$23,641 in FY 21 reflect the need for a part-time Office Assistant in both fiscal years² and associated equipment (\$1,800 in FY 20 only for a computer, software, and a scanner). The fringe benefit cost to the Office of the State Comptroller to support this position is approximately \$7,303 in FY 20 and \$9,738 in FY 21. It is assumed in this estimate that DPH will establish a renewal process. As initial certification application and

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.

²Approximately \$17,731 is required for nine months' salary in FY 20. This cost is annualized in FY 21 (\$23,641).

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renewal fees are not established under the bill, the amount of General Fund revenue that will be generated from CHW certification cannot be determined at this time.

For illustrative purposes, if DPH were to establish a \$100 initial certification application fee, and an annual renewal fee of \$100, General Fund revenue of approximately \$40,000 would be generated in FY 20 and approximately \$41,500 would be generated in FY 21.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, the number of individuals that seek CHW certification, and the associated fees and timeframes established by DPH.