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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE COORDINATING COUNCIL. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Higher Ed., Off.	GF - Cost	Up to 103,777	Up to 103,777
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	10,926	10,926

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact. The amendment creates the Connecticut Open Educational Resource Coordinating Council and requires the council to complete a number of procedural and policy related tasks that do not result in a fiscal impact.

The amendment requires the executive director of the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to appoint members to the council and for OHE staff to be administrative staff to the council. This results in one additional part-time Senior Consultant position within OHE and additional costs in each fiscal year of approximately \$38,703, including:

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.

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salary costs of \$26,527, other expenses costs of \$1,250, and fringe benefit costs of \$10,926. Additionally, members of the council may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses; these costs are anticipated to be less than \$1,000 annually.

Lastly, the amendment requires the council to establish a competitive grant program for the development, conversion, or adoption of OERs. It is anticipated that this grant program would require up to \$75,000 in FY 20, and could grow significantly in as additional faculty members apply for grants.

Sources: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2013/10/02/06el-library.h33.html>
<http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/81/98/8198.pdf>

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