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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL CLIMATES. AMENDMENT

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment establishes a social and emotional learning and school climate advisory collaborative and requires them to complete a number of tasks related to model positive school climate policies. This is not anticipated to result in a cost, as participation in the collaborative is voluntary and unpaid.

The amendment requires that various school staff participate in expanded training regarding prevention and intervention of targeted

¹ State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

harassment and violence. The expanded training could result in an additional cost to local and regional boards of education associated with additional substitute coverage and training materials. It is estimated that the daily substitute rate ranges from \$80-\$155 per day, depending on the district. The cost to provide expanded training will vary by the size of the district, the cost of the substitutes, and the level of training currently being offered.

Lastly, the amendment requires local and regional boards of education to develop and implement policies on prohibiting bullying and teen dating violence at school bus stops and outside of the traditional school setting. However, the amendment does not explicitly require local and regional boards of education to investigate these instances or the manner of such investigations, so the additional costs are anticipated to be minimal. Additionally, some districts may currently investigate such situations, in which case there would be no additional cost.

The scope of the state mandate and increased costs will vary by: 1) the size of the district, 2) training currently being offered within a district, 3) the additional materials required to meet the expanded district requirements in the amendment, 4) the number of instances of reported bullying and teen dating violence, and 5) the daily substitute rate. It is anticipated that the cost for larger districts could be up to \$25,000.

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