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AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF NEW REVENUE STREAMS. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and associated fiscal impact and results in the following fiscal impact:

Section 1 There is no fiscal impact resulting from the amendment, which expands the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) to include tree removal. The amendment does not increase the amount of funding available to towns. It is expected that a town would have otherwise used funding available for other eligible projects;

Section 2 makes a technical adjustment that does not result in any fiscal impact.

Sections 3 require special taxing districts to report certain mill rate and grand list data to the Office of Policy and Management. This has no fiscal impact;

Sections 4-5 result in a potential grand list reduction in certain municipalities. They do so by increasing the number of people eligible for certain mandatory state and local option property tax exemptions for totally disabled veterans. In Federal FY 17, there were 3,418 totally disabled veterans in Connecticut. It is not known how many of these people would be eligible for state or local property tax exemptions

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under the amendment's provisions. Any grand list reduction that occurs as a result of the bill shifts the tax burden away from recipients of these tax exemptions;

Sections 6-7 make a change to the filing deadline for the Renters' Rebate program. This change has no fiscal impact;

Section 8 limits the circumstances under which OPM is required to provide an advisory opinion on state agencies' proposed actions' compliance with the state plan of conservation and development. This has no fiscal impact;

Section 9 expands municipal authority to maintain neglected cemeteries and burial grounds. This has no fiscal impact;

Section 10 requires municipal assessors, beginning in FY 21, to report to the Office of Policy and Management certain information regarding tax exempt manufacturing machinery and equipment. This has no fiscal impact, as it is anticipated municipalities currently track this information.

Sections 11-12 result in a potential cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the extent increasing the family contribution limit from \$3,400 to \$4,000 results in fewer reductions to the burial benefit payments made by the agency. The extent of the cost will depend on the actual contributions made by families, which is currently unknown;

Section 13 clarifies procurement requirements for electric distribution companies related to renewable energy tariffs and has no fiscal impact;

Section 14 makes a correction to the date to reflect June 30 as opposed to the 31st in Section 50 of house bill 7424 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B" and has no fiscal impact;

Section 15 alters the dates associated with contracting savings

initiatives included in section 51 of HB 7424 to be \$5,000,000 in FY 20 and \$15,000,000 in FY 21 to conform to the intent of the budget;

Section 16 provides \$100,000 in FY 20 and FY 21 to the Beardsley Zoo from the Judicial Department Youth Services Prevention account;

Section 17 makes a clarifying change concerning the Regional Performance Incentive Account and has no fiscal impact;

Sections 18-20 make technical and conforming changes to section 378 of house bill 7424 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B", related to premiums charged by the Office of the State Comptroller to nonstate public employers which do not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. In addition, sections 19 and 20 require review by an actuary or an independent certified public accountant which does not result in a fiscal impact OSC utilizes these services to currently support their health programs.

Section 21 makes a conforming change that does not result in any fiscal impact.

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