HB-7424
AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIAL ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2021, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET.

AMENDMENT

LCO No.: 10652

OFA Fiscal Note

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The amendment:

Reduces the Bioscience account appropriation in the bill by $4,138,000 in both FY 20 and FY 21. This results in: (1) a savings to the General Fund totaling approximately $8.2 million in both FY 20 and FY 21, including approximately $4 million which will accrue to the Office of the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits, and (2) a revenue loss to the University of Connecticut Health Center of approximately $8.2 million in both FY 20 and FY 21;

Reduces the FY 20 and FY 21 College & Hospital PILOT grant to Middletown by $4 million. This results in a savings to the General Fund, and a corresponding revenue loss to the City of Middletown;

Eliminates the provisions and associated revenue gain related to requiring OPM to recommend fee increases of not less than $50 million beginning in FY 21;

Requires that no Citizens’ Election Program grant be paid in FY 21. This section further requires that all funds in the Citizens’ Election Fund (CEF) be transferred to the General Fund (GF) in FY 21. Approximately $33 million in FY 21 is anticipated to be transferred
from the CEF to GF.

Requires the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) to develop a procurement plan for state contracting agencies in order to achieve savings of $25 million in FY 20 and $25 million in FY 21. This section further requires SCSB to submit such plan to the Governor and Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for implementation of such plan by August 1, 2019;

Allows the Office of Policy and Management to make allotment reductions to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to achieve privatization savings, results in savings of $2,250,000 in FY 20 and $4,250,000 in FY 21;

Requires the Department of Administrative Services to implement a plan to consolidate personnel, payroll, affirmative action and business off functions to achieve $5 million in savings in FY 20 and $10 million in savings in FY 21;

Requires non-union state employees to take three furlough days in FY 20 and FY 21. This will save $4.1 million; and,

Requires each commissioner or chief of any budgeted agency to implement a hard hiring freeze. This is estimated to save $100 million in FY 21.