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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment makes technical changes to the underlying bill and adds language to it that, among other provisions, makes Department of Public Health (DPH) licensure for nationally accredited outpatient clinics every four years, instead of every three years under existing statute, which may result in a potential revenue loss from delayed licensure and inspection revenue of $1,000 per accredited clinic. To the extent that University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) outpatient clinics are accredited, this provision may result in a savings to UCHC. The amount of savings will be dependent on the number of accredited UCHC clinics, if any.

Section 530 of the amendment exempts nonprofit nursing homes from property taxes. This results in a grand list reduction to municipalities that host such facilities. A grand list reduction results in a revenue loss, given a constant mill rate.

The amendment is not anticipated to result in an impact to the Department of Public Health’s Office of Emergency Services to: (1) authorize emergency medical services (EMS) organizations to establish mobile integrated health care programs, and (2) establish rates for EMS transport to medically appropriate, alternative destinations to
emergency rooms. To the extent that the rates associated with transport to alternative destinations impact ambulance rates reimbursed by various payers, such as municipalities or Medicaid, there could be a fiscal impact to the State and municipalities. The fiscal impact will depend on the rates established, the number of eligible beneficiaries who utilize them, and the number of patients diverted from emergency rooms to alternate destinations. The amendment is not anticipated to directly impact the State and municipal health plans, as it does not require insurance coverage for these services.

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