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sHB-6111

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION
TRAINING PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	91,000	30,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires a youth suicide prevention training program in every local and district health department administered by the Youth Suicide Advisory Board (YSAB) — housed within the Department of Children and Families (DCF) — and the Office of the Child Advocate, results in a cost to DCF of approximately \$91,000 in FY 22 and approximately \$30,000 in each fiscal year thereafter. Per the bill, the training program must provide certification in QPR Institute Gatekeeper Training and utilize a model that will enable participants to provide training to other individuals upon completion of the program.

Funding of approximately \$91,000 in FY 22 and approximately \$30,000 in each fiscal year thereafter is needed to support a contract with the QPR Institute. The QPR Training of the Trainers model would train a minimum of two employees at each local and district health department to serve as their local QPR trainers. Currently, there are 65 total local and district health departments in Connecticut: 20 are districts, 33 are municipal with full-time directors of health, and 12 are municipal with part-time directors of health. In the initial year of

training, approximately 130 employees will need to be trained, at a cost of approximately \$700 per person. In subsequent years, to refresh training and replace trainers lost due to attrition, the cost would be approximately \$30,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of trainings provided.

*Sources: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Local Health Administration, Online, Available at <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Local-Health-Admin/LHA/Local-Health-Administration>
QPR Institute, Online, Available at <https://www.qprinstitute.com/>*