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AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE OBSTACLES TO MERGING OR CONSOLIDATING MUNICIPAL FIRE DISTRICTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to conduct a study regarding the consolidation of fire districts or departments in two or more municipalities. This may result in consulting costs to OPM, which could vary significantly based on the scope of the study.

It should be noted that the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC) is currently working with local fire service officials to establish options for fiscal sustainability for fire departments, including regionalization and consolidation.

The Out Years

As the study required by the bill is due January 1, 2022, there is no impact in the out years.