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sHB-6478

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill establishes a \$20,000 workers' compensation benefit for burial expenses and increases the current standard benefit from \$4,000 to \$20,000 once the bill passes, increases the limit on partial permanent disability (PPD) benefits to the lesser of (1) five times the duration of the claimant's PPD benefits or (2) 780 weeks, and includes a rebuttable presumption provision related to COVID-19. This results in a potential cost to various state agencies and municipalities to the extent that an employee contracts COVID-19 and meets the other conditions of the bill.

¹ State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes that have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

Beginning January 1, 2022, the standard benefit for burial expenses will be annually adjusted by the previous calendar year's percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in the Northeast.