

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-6620

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO READ AND ADDRESSING  
OPPORTUNITY GAPS AND EQUITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	510,000	510,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	210,630	210,630

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Alliance Districts	STATE MANDATE <sup>2</sup> - Cost	600,000 per district	600,000 per district

### ***Explanation***

The bill results in costs to Alliance Districts of approximately \$600,000 annually and to the state of \$720,630 annually, beginning in FY 22, due to the bill's requirements.

The bill results in a cost to Alliance Districts associated with hiring additional staff in order to implement the additional reading requirements contained within the bill. It is anticipated that each

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.3% of payroll in FY 22 and FY 23.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Alliance District would require one literacy coach and three additional reading interventionists, for a total cost to each Alliance District of approximately \$480,000. Statewide this yields a cost of approximately \$15.8 million for all 33 Alliance Districts. Additionally, Alliance Districts would require \$120,000 per district to provide summer school staffing support.

The bill also requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to establish the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, which is anticipated to result in a cost to SDE of approximately \$510,000 associated with hiring a Director, an Executive Assistant, an Associate Director, and two Education Consultants. In addition to salary costs, there would be a cost of \$210,630 in both FY 22 and FY 23 associated with fringe benefits.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.