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SB-35

AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	2,214,178	898,376

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands the eligibility criteria for the Department of Children and Families' (DCF's) post-secondary education assistance program by including individuals, 18 years of age through 21 years of age, adopted through the agency's foster care program on or after 1/1/01 (instead of on or after 12/31/04, pursuant to existing agency policy). The population of individuals adopted between 1/1/01 and 12/31/04 is 221. If half of this population enrolls in the DCF program,¹ at an average cost per student of \$18,149 per fiscal year, the total cost to the agency will be approximately \$2,214,178 in FY 22 and \$898,376 in FY 23.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

¹In FY 20, of the 634 individuals eligible to participate in the DCF post-secondary education program, 298 individuals (47%) did.

terminate with the aging-out, by FY 26, of the population made newly eligible to participate in DCF's post-secondary education assistance program under the bill. It is anticipated that the cost to DCF in FY 24 will be approximately \$235,937 and the cost in FY 25 will be approximately \$18,149.