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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE SEWAGE SPILL
RIGHT-TO-KNOW STATUTE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Cost	10,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), by December 1, 2021, to implement a real-time public notification system for the public to be notified of sewage spills or sewage bypasses as they are electronically reported to DEEP.

Any costs of this provision depend on the level of system sophistication determined necessary to meet the requirement. If existing DEEP systems (i.e. social media) provide adequate functionality, there is no fiscal impact.

However, if the bill is determined to require implementation of a reverse-911 type of system that does not currently exist, the bill is estimated to result in one-time costs of approximately \$10,000 in FY 22 to implement this type of system.

The bill also requires DEEP, by February 1, 2022, to begin annually publishing and making publicly available on its website certain summary information about sewage spills in the state. This has no fiscal impact, as DEEP has staff to post information on its website.

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Lastly, the bill makes technical and conforming changes that have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact as the one-time costs identified above are estimated to occur in FY 22 only.