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AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL,
BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO
THE PANDEMIC.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	100,000	105,000
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	644,000	604,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to designate an employee within its Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response to serve as the pandemic preparedness officer. Under the amendment, the officer is responsible for the state's pandemic preparedness, including (1) conducting an annual inventory of the state's stockpile of medical equipment and medical supplies; (2) reviewing and ensuring the adequacy of infection prevention at health care facilities; and (3) periodically updating legislators during a

¹The 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.

pandemic-related public health emergency.

DPH would need to hire three positions (two full-time and one part-time) to fulfill these requirements. The Public Health Services Manager position, with a salary of \$106,000 in FY 22 and \$110,000 in FY 23 would be responsible for conducting an annual inventory of the state's medical stockpile of medical equipment and supplies and provide updates to the members of the general assembly during declared public health emergencies, as well as preparing a report annually for the joint standing committee of the General Assembly.

The other two positions would be filled by a full-time Nurse Consultant, with a salary of \$92,000 in FY 22 and \$96,000 in FY 23, and a part-time Nurse Consultant position, with a salary of \$46,000 in FY 22 and \$48,000 in FY 23. These two positions would be responsible for providing infection control technical assistance to support increased infection control prevention efforts in various healthcare facilities and to assist healthcare facilities to build infection control capacity and procedures in the areas of infection control staffing and training, use of PPE, and outbreak response.

Additionally, DPH needs \$400,000 in FY 22 and \$350,000 in FY 23 for the storage, maintenance, and management of medical equipment and supplies. This would cover storage, maintenance, and management of ventilators/aspirators, the state's mobile field hospital, and a 250-bed medical station of supplies. This equipment and supplies require temperature and humidity-controlled storage space and annual maintenance. Also, an inventory management system will be required to track the PPE inventory.

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