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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO COLLECT DATA RELATED TO FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	140,000	140,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	16,212	16,212

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to establish and administer a pilot program regarding implementation of a fire and rescue service data collection system resulting in an annual cost to the state of \$156,212.

DESPP would need to hire a part-time durational project manager (\$40,000 in salary and \$16,212 in fringe benefits per year)² to create and administer the program, process applications, and work with the selected participants. The department would also need to contract with a data analytics organization (\$100,000 per year) to amalgamate data from the National Fire Incident Reporting System in order to effectively

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 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

² This position would be needed for two days a week.

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analyze and develop the necessary reporting required under the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue in FY 25 but end in FY 26 because the bill dictates the pilot program is established for only three years.