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AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE OF DISCONTINUING
PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE UNDER A WORKERS'
COMPENSATION CLAIM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Admin. Serv., Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a potential cost to both the state and municipalities, as employers, for any discontinued or reduced payments and applicable attorney's fees related to an employee's discontinued or reduced coverage for prescriptions not pre-approved by the Workers' Compensation Commissioner.

For context, the bill requires employers, or insurers acting on behalf

¹ 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.

of employers, to provide notice and get approval before discontinuing coverage for prescriptions. In the event where an employer has discontinued or reduced coverage without the approval of the Workers' Compensation Commissioner, the employer is required to pay the employee the total amount of all discontinued payments with interest at a rate of one and one-quarter per cent per month. The bill also requires employers to pay for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the employee in relation to the discontinuance or reduction.

The Out Years

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