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SB-285

AN ACT CONCERNING TIME LIMITS IN THE TEMPORARY
FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DURING A STATE PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 4458)

Senate Calendar No.: 176

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill specifies that months in which Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) benefits are received during a state public health emergency, regardless of who declared such emergency, do not count towards the TFA time limit of 21-months (with extensions). While this conforms to current practice, it potentially precludes future savings to the extent the time-limit would have otherwise been applicable if a state public health emergency was declared by someone other than Governor Lamont.

Senate "A" removes the discretion of the Department of Social Services commissioner and clarifies that TFA benefits received during a pandemic shall not count towards TFA time limits, which does not alter the underlying fiscal impact.

The Out Years

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

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