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sSB-422

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS COVID-19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which expands the Essential Workers' COVID-19 Assistance program to include essential employees in phase 1c of the vaccination program and provides leave benefits to those who missed work without pay, may result in increased payments from resources allocated to the program to the extent that additional applications are received. Increased administration costs may also be incurred should there be a rise in submitted applications. The bill does not make any changes to the original allocation of \$34 million to the program.

For reference, the program is administered by the Comptroller on a first-come first-serve basis through June 30, 2024. The fund balance at the end of the first quarter, ending March 31, 2022, was \$33,887,822.

The Out Years

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

Sources: Office of the State Comptroller CTEW Relief Fund Legislative Report