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sHB-6760

## AN ACT CONCERNING CIVICS EDUCATION AND MEDIA LITERACY.

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$	The Out Years \$
Local and Regional School Districts	STATE MANDATE <sup>1</sup> - Cost	None	None	Minimal

### **Explanation**

The bill, which expands the required program of study for public schools by specifying that social studies must include civics and media literacy, results in a potential minimal cost to local and regional school districts beginning in FY 26.

Social studies is a required part of the public school program of study under current law. To the extent that a district's social studies curriculum does not currently include civics and media literacy, there is a potential cost associated with purchasing materials to cover the topic, if free materials are unavailable. Any cost will vary based on the number of materials that must be purchased.

The bill also establishes a Connecticut Civics Education and Media

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Literacy Task Force to study strategies to improve instruction on civics resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

***The Out Years***

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