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sHB-6773

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEEDS OF HOUSING INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
UConn	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below
Board of Regents for Higher Education	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which addresses various issues related to housing insecurity for the state's public college and university students, will result in a cost to UConn and the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR).

The bill requires public colleges and universities to provide grants or other financial assistance to students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity to use for housing costs. Additionally, the bill requires public colleges and universities to provide additional resources and support, including financial assistance for related medical care and mental health counseling. This will result in a cost to both UConn and BOR, as there are currently no appropriations available for these programs. The scope of the costs will vary based on the number of students identified, the housing costs that will be covered by the grant funds, and the other health and counselling services that are provided. The estimated housing cost at UConn for the nine-month academic year is \$8,408, and the corresponding housing cost at the Connecticut State Universities is \$14,076.

The bill also requires public colleges and universities to provide trainings on trauma-informed practices to enable the institution's staff and faculty to respond to homelessness more adequately or housing insecure students. This will result in a cost, as the institutions currently do not have the expertise necessary to provide this training. The cost of the training is unknown but is anticipated to be less than \$10,000 based on similar trainings.

The bill also requires each public college and university to annually administer, starting by fall 2024, a survey to enrolled students to collect data on the number of homeless or housing insecure students. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as they have the expertise necessary to do so.

### ***The Out Years***

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