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AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN
STREAMSIDE BUFFERS AND TRAINING FOR INLAND WETLAND
COMMISSION MEMBERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill broadens the current training requirement for municipal inland wetlands agencies, provided by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), by requiring all municipal staff to take the training. While training enrollment will increase significantly under the bill's provisions, there is no fiscal impact since the online program is currently automated and self-paced.

The bill also allows DEEP to use available funds for stormwater infrastructure to acquire conservation easements along streams and rivers. The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for FY 24 that may potentially be used for this purpose.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None