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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, REVISING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE FIRE SERVICE IN THE STATE.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	276,250	35,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	11,240	14,987

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill establishes a Division of Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), resulting in a cost of \$287,490 in FY 24 and \$49,987 in FY 25.

The division succeeds the Office of State Fire Administration, transferring all functions, powers, duties, and personnel of the former office. In effect, the current State Fire Administrator will become a Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection on October 1, 2023, resulting in an estimated annual salary increase of

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

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\$35,000, with an associated fringe benefits rate of \$14,987.<sup>2</sup>

The bill also appropriates \$250,000 in FY 24 for DESPP to choose a contractor to study issues facing the fire service in the state.

Finally, the bill establishes additional explicit duties for the new deputy commissioner and the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, each of which can be accomplished using existing resources. The bill also makes various conforming and technical changes to the general statutes, which do not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

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

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<sup>2</sup> The state impact accounts for only nine months of salary difference in FY 24, reflecting the effective dates of the bill.