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HB-6902

AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUVENILE DIVERSIONARY PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	Significant	Significant
Judicial Department - Court Support Services Division	GF - Cost	Significant	Significant

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

Section 1, which requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch to jointly establish and operate a Diversion First program in one or more municipalities with a population of over 90,000 people, results in a significant cost to both agencies. The extent of the agencies' costs will vary based on the number of municipalities chosen for the program to operate in, the number of juveniles diverted to the program, and the array of services that the program will provide.

Section 2, which requires DCF to implement performance improvement plans for Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) that do not meet certain minimum performance standards, results in a significant cost to DCF beginning in FY 24 for staff or consultants to perform YSB evaluations and develop these plans. DCF does not currently perform YSB program evaluations. There is also a potential cost beginning in FY

24 to certain municipalities with a population of less than 70,000 to establish a YSB, to the extent that they do not already have one. This cost may be partially mitigated by state or federal funding. There are also potential costs to municipalities beginning in FY 24 that have an established YSB to meet the additional requirements outlined in this section of the bill. There are currently 103 municipalities that are covered by a partially state funded YSB. This leaves 31 municipalities that are unfunded by state allocations.

The Out Years

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