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sSB-937

AN ACT PROVIDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN CANCERS IN FIREFIGHTERS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE <sup>1</sup> - Cost	Potential	Potential

## ***Explanation***

The bill results in a potential cost to municipalities beginning in FY 24, by creating a rebuttable presumption in workers' compensation law that firefighting performed by firefighters causes numerous types of cancer. To the extent more firefighters qualify for workers' compensation benefits due to particular cancer diagnoses, there will be a potential cost to municipalities.

There are approximately 26,800 firefighters<sup>2</sup> in the State of Connecticut.

## ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

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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.

<sup>2</sup> Data from the Connecticut State Firefighters Association for 2016/17.

continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of relevant workers' compensation claims.

*Sources: Connecticut State Firefighters Association*