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AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME AIR CONDITIONING,
COST REPORTING TRANSPARENCY, WAITING LIST
REQUIREMENTS, INVOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSFER NOTICES
AND TRANSPORTATION FOR RESIDENT SOCIAL VISITS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority	See Below - See Below	See Below	See Below
Social Services, Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The fiscal impacts of the bill are broken out by section below. Other provisions of the bill are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

Section 2 results in a potential fiscal impact to the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) to provide financial assistance to nursing homes for costs incurred to install air conditioning systems in each resident room, through a revolving loan account. The bill does not specify a funding source for the revolving loan account and makes such loans subject to requirements to be determined by CHEFA. No new loan may be made after January 1, 2026, and any remaining funds may be withdrawn by the authority from such account and used for other purposes of the authority.

Section 5 results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with establishing a grant program for nursing homes to

provide for the nonemergency transportation of residents to the homes of nearby family members. The extent of the cost is dependent on the parameters of the grant program established by the bill and within available appropriations.

Section 7 could result in a revenue gain or cost savings to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with fines for nursing homes due to noncompliance with documentation requirements established by the bill. The bill requires nursing homes to provide narrative summaries of expenditures in addition to their currently required cost reports. Failure to comply with the provisions of the bill could result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 for each incident of noncompliance. The fine may be paid to the General Fund and credited to the Medicaid account, or DSS may collect the fine through reduced Medicaid payments due to such facilities.

The Out Years

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