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ADDENDUM

To Fiscal Note on
SB-957, File No. 68

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERSIGHT OF HEALTH CARE IN
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH.

Department of Correction (DOC):

The bill requires the Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions to ensure that the DOC implements the health care plan developed pursuant to section 18-81pp of the general statutes. The submitted plan requires DOC to hire an additional 308 inmate medical staff resulting in a cost to the agency of \$22.4 million in FY 24 and \$23.0 million in FY 25, along with fringe benefit costs of \$9.6 million in FY 24 and \$9.8 million in FY 25. The additional staff includes 221 medical staff, 53 mental health and substance abuse staff, and 34 dentistry staff.

In the event that the new oversight office in the Department of Public Health (DPH) creates additional requirements of DOC, the agency may need to hire two additional employees for \$200,000 in FY 24 and \$205,000 in FY 25, along with fringe benefit costs of \$85,640 in FY 24 and \$87,781 in FY 25.

Department of Public Health:

In addition to the cost to DPH of \$285,567 in FY 24 and \$570,402 in FY 25 and the cost to the Office of State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits of \$119,594 in FY 24 and \$239,188 in FY 25, a Staff Attorney II is needed for the Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions. An additional cost to the Department of Public Health of \$55,039 in FY 24 and \$112,829 in FY 25, and an additional cost to the Office of State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits of \$23,567 in FY 24 and \$48,313 in FY 25, needs to be included in the anticipated fiscal impact of the bill.

The Staff Attorney II will provide legal support to the Office to help: (1) ensure that the Commissioner of Correction implements the plan for the provision of inmate healthcare services developed pursuant to CGS Sec. 18-81pp, created by PA 22-133; (2) establish guidelines for the delivery of healthcare services to inmates; (3) recommend necessary changes; (4) issue notices to correctional institutions of any failures to deliver adequate or safe healthcare services; and (5) order corrective actions as needed.