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sHB-5051

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EARLY START CT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a fiscal impact to the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) and various municipalities beginning in FY 27, as described below.

Section 2 results in a cost to OEC beginning in FY 27 of approximately \$3.8 million to administer and operate the Early Start CT program, which includes establishing as many as 14 new Local Governance Partners in communities where there are no existing School Readiness Councils.

Section 8 results in a cost to municipalities beginning in FY 27 associated with establishing local governance partners to assist in the provision of early care and education. The bill requires each local governance partner to conduct a data-driven needs assessment and to hire a staff liaison to assist in implementing the provisions of this section.

Section 10 results in a potential cost to OEC beginning in FY 27 to the extent they allocate funds to regional educational service centers, which results in a corresponding revenue gain to towns. This funding can be used for the provision of professional development services, technical assistance, and evaluation and program planning and implementation

activities as well as boards of education and childcare centers and homes.

The bill makes other technical and conforming changes that have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

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