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AN ACT CONCERNING DISCONNECTED YOUTH.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Transportation, Dept.	TF - Cost	Less than \$2 million	Less than \$2 million
UConn	GF - Cost	Approx. \$100,000	None

Note: TF=Transportation Fund; GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various Local Boards of Education	Potential Cost/Revenue	Less than \$10,000	Less than \$10,000
Various Local Boards of Education	Cost	Potential	Potential

### ***Explanation***

**Section 1** has no fiscal impact. It requires the Two-Generational Advisory Board to develop and present a plan to address strategies to assist at-risk students and re-engage individuals identified as at-risk youth. It is anticipated that the Board already has the resources and expertise to do so.

**Section 2** results in a cost of approximately \$100,000 in FY 25 to the University of Connecticut. It requires UConn, by June 30, 2025, to conduct a study and map nonprofit assets and capacity. This cost is associated with necessary staff and consultant costs to complete the report by the deadline.

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**Sections 3, 4, and 6** have no fiscal impact. They require local and regional school districts to enter agreements to share certain student data with local youth service bureaus and judicial review boards. They also require the State Department of Education (SDE) to: (1) enter into a similar agreement with a statewide association of youth service bureaus and juvenile review boards; and (2) develop a model data sharing agreement for use at the local level. It is anticipated that both SDE and school districts can meet these provisions with existing resources.

**Section 5** has no fiscal impact. It requires local and regional school districts to include designated members of youth service bureaus or juvenile review boards in certain meetings. This is not anticipated to increase any costs associated with such meetings.

**Section 7** results in a cost of less than \$2 million to the Special Transportation Fund annually beginning in FY 25, subject to ridership trends. It provides free bus fare for students enrolled in public schools in priority school districts before the start of and following the end of a regular school day. Actual costs will be dependent on utilization, existing school bus services in a given district, and implementation decisions regarding the summer months.

**Section 8** results in potential costs of less than \$10,000 annually to local and regional school districts beginning in FY 25. It requires MOUs between school districts and institutions of higher education to, among other things, establish certain training and professional development requirements of dual enrollment course instructors. Additional costs could be associated with: (1) any training materials districts must purchase; or (2) any necessary overtime costs to allow staff to attend such trainings.

**Section 9** has no fiscal impact as it makes a technical change. It requires the State Department of Education's accountability index to include the availability and use of credit recovery programs.

**Section 10** results in potential costs annually beginning in FY 25 to

local and regional school districts. It requires local and regional school districts to expand credit recovery programs available within alternative education to any student who is at risk of not graduating and is enrolled in a traditional education program. To the extent that this requirement increases enrollment in credit recovery programs, districts could incur costs to purchase additional supplies and materials for those classes.

**Section 11** has no fiscal impact as it makes a technical change regarding the model student work policy.

**Section 12** results in annual costs of up to \$200,000 beginning in FY 25 to each regional education service center (RESC). It does so by making permanent a requirement for each RESC to hire a trauma coordinator.

RESCs are currently required employ trauma coordinators in FY 23 and FY 24 only. Associated salary and benefits per coordinator is approximately \$200,000. An allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds currently provides funding for this purpose.

**Sections 13 and 14** establish two working groups to make recommendations regarding graduation requirements, grading policies, the use of artificial intelligence in schools, and the accountability index. This has no fiscal impact, as it is anticipated that the working groups can complete their responsibilities with existing resources.

**Section 15** creates a task force to develop recommendations regarding the creation of a statewide program for bereavement and grief counseling for children and families. This has no fiscal impact as it is anticipated that the task force can complete its responsibilities with existing resources.

### ***The Out Years***

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