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sHB-5262

AN ACT CONCERNING A SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT
SURVEY.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 4122)

House Calendar No.: 63

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to administer a survey, replaces the phrase "child pornography" with "child sexual abuse material" throughout the statutes, and requires the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) to submit a report on the care and protection of minors during probate hearings. These changes are not anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the state or to municipalities.

The bill requires, beginning 7/1/26, to include a sexual abuse and assault awareness prevention survey in each administration of its Connecticut School Health Survey. DPH must biennially administer the survey to students in grades nine through 12 if the department receives funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for it.

The bill also replaces the phrase "child pornography" with "child sexual abuse material." This change does not alter how individuals who commit this crime may be prosecuted or charged.

The bill requires that OCA review and submit a report on the care and protection of minors during probate court proceedings. It is

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expected that the agency has the expertise and resources to meet the requirements of the bill.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill resulting in the impact described above.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None