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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT CAMPUS IN STORRS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
UConn ¹	GF - Cost	Up to 500,000	Up to 500,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in costs of up to \$500,000 annually beginning in FY 25 to the University of Connecticut. It designates the UConn Fire Department as the primary service area responder for advanced life support services on the Storrs campus.

To provide coverage for advanced life support services, UConn must hire up to four firefighters, for a total annual personnel cost of approximately \$411,858 (\$302,748 for salary and \$109,110 for fringe). UConn will also incur costs of up to \$90,000 annually for additional overtime and equipment.

The UConn Fire Department currently does not provide advanced life support services 24 hours per day, 365 days per year as the bill

¹Pursuant to PA 23-204, higher education constituent units are responsible for the costs of group life insurance, active health insurance, Social Security, and Medicare for all active employees, totaling an estimated non-pension fringe benefit rate of 36.04% of payroll in FY 25. A minimal cost is also incurred by the Office of the State Comptroller's Fringe Benefit account associated with employee participation in a state-offered retirement plan.

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requires. Advanced life support services entail a higher degree of training and a broader range of equipment than what the UConn Fire Department currently possesses. Equipment needs include advanced airway equipment, a cardiac monitor, intravenous fluids, and certain medications.

The Out Years

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