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AN ACT CONCERNING A DEADLINE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESSES AT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Transfer to	None	See Below
Constituent Units of Higher Education; Social Services, Dept.; Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.; Library, CT State; Aging and Disability Services, Dept.	GF - Transfer from	None	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Transfer from	None	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a potential transfer from various state agencies and municipalities to the Secretary of the State (SOTS) associated with penalties for non-compliance with implementation of the automatic voter registration system (AVR). The bill requires the transfer of \$5,000 per day to (SOTS) beginning in FY 27 from certain voter registration

¹ State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

entities as a penalty for failure to provide AVR for public use beginning 3/31/27.

The exact transfer to the SOTS will depend on the number of applicable state agencies, public libraries, and higher education institutions that are not in compliance with AVR requirements as of April 1, 2027, and the amount of time that would be required to reach compliance to abate future penalties.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to compliance with voter registration requirements.