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HB-7079
AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE REGULATION IN THE STATE.

AMENDMENT

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## *OFA Fiscal Note*

### *State Impact:*

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 26 $ | FY 27 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Insurance Dept. | IF - Cost | 125,000-175,000 | None |
| Legislative Mgmt. | GF - Cost | See Below | See Below |

Note: GF=General Fund; IF=Insurance Fund

### *Municipal Impact:*

| Municipalities | Effect | FY 26 $ | FY 27 $ |
|---|---|---|---|
| Various Municipalities | Potential Cost | See Below | See Below |

### *Explanation*

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and results in the fiscal impacts described by section below.

**Section 1** requires legislative fiscal notes prepared by the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) to include an enrollee impact statement for any bill that will impact premiums paid by enrollees of health benefit plans offered on the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, resulting in a cost to OFA (within the Office of Legislative Management) beginning in FY 26. OFA does not have the required expertise to produce these

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statements and will have to contract with an actuarial healthcare consultant. The final cost will depend on the number of enrollee impact statements required each year and the consultant's hourly rate.

**Section 2** results in a potential cost to municipalities with volunteer fire departments and/or ambulance services for the negotiated percentage of health premiums paid on behalf of a volunteer who elects coverage under such a plan provided within the municipality, beginning in FY 26.

**Section 3** shortens a health insurer's window to request return of payment due to billing error and makes various technical and procedural changes regarding health insurers. No fiscal impact is expected because the Insurance Department does not anticipate a meaningful increase in workload.

**Section 4**, which establishes a working group to study a process for individuals and small businesses to directly enroll in qualified health plans offered through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, results in no fiscal impact. The working group has the necessary expertise to complete the specified reporting requirements.

**Section 5**, which establishes a working group to study lowering the insurance premiums tax and any positive economic impact that doing so may have on the state, results in no fiscal impact. The working group has the necessary expertise to complete the specified reporting requirements.

**Section 6** requires the Insurance Department to study certain nonprofit liability insurance concepts and issue a report by February 1, 2026. The department will contract with a consultant, as it lacks the expertise to conduct the study, at an expected cost of $50,000 to $75,000 in FY 26.

**Section 7** requires the Insurance Department to study certain homeowners insurance practices and issue a report by February 1, 2026. As the department does not have the expertise to conduct this study, it

will hire a consultant at an anticipated cost of $75,000 to $100,000 in FY 26.

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