

Appropriations Committee Meeting - April 15, 2014
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5	sHB 5050	13.5 million	-	13.5 million	FY 16 cost \$6.9 million. Section 13 of sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, provides \$65 million as a revenue intercept for the Board of Regents - President Office Operating Fund.
6	sHB 5134	-	-	See Comments	The bill allows municipalities to consider, when acquiring land by eminent domain to use for school construction, either the assessed value of a property or the average of two independent appraisals of the property, when determining compensation to the property owner. It is anticipated that municipalities would choose the less expensive of the two options.
7	sHB 5145	-	-	See Comments	The bill could result in a cost associated with allowing funding, that would otherwise lapse, to be utilized to provide housing subsidies in the subsequent fiscal year. While the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has historically made this funding available to private providers, the Auditors of Public Accounts raised concerns about such a fiscal process. The provisions of the bill explicitly allow this practice.
8	sHB 5290	-	-	Revenue impact	The bill makes various changes to the Department of Motor Vehicle statutes and does not result in a cost to the state or municipalities. See preliminary fiscal note document for state revenue impact.
9	HB 5314	-	-	-	The bill reserves approximately \$15.0 million in unappropriated FY 14 General Fund surplus to pay the 2014 interest costs for Unemployment Compensation Fund borrowing from the federal government.
10	sHB 5361	-	-	-	The bill requires the Office of Higher Education to develop a plan, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

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11	sHB 5378	-	See Comments	See Comments	Sections 1 and 3-5 may result in a savings to DSS if the ASO is able to achieve savings in addition to what is assumed in the ASO contract with the state through intensive case management services. Section 2 does not result in a fiscal impact.
12	sHB 5497	900,000	See Comments	See Comments	The bill requires the Department of Labor to geographically expand an existing pilot program using Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST), within available appropriations. The bill does not specify whether the regional expansion of I-BEST under the existing pilot program is (1) subject to the 100 participant cap (which is currently in statute), (2) subject to available appropriations, (3) considered a pilot program itself, or (4) required to operate for a specific length of time. sHB 5030, the FY 15 revised budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes approximately \$2.5 million available for the I-BEST program through DOL in FY 15, including \$900,000 to expand the program to cover unemployed clients.
13	sHB 5500	-	See Comments	See Comments	The bill institutes a priority list of providers subject to the Department of Social Services' Medicaid audit process based on past audit results. The bill makes other technical and definitional changes to the audit process. These changes are not anticipated to substantially alter recoveries realized under the current audit procedures.

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14	SB 48	-	64,317	82,409	The bill results in a state cost of \$64,317 in FY 15 and \$82,409 in FY 16 from the expansion of requirements of child day care centers (CDCCs), group day care homes (GDCHs) and family day care homes (FDCHs) related to nutrition, access to water, and access to disposable drinking cups. Costs are associated with a Child Care Licensing Specialist position within the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) filled on 10/1/14 (to correspond with the effective date), an associated one-time equipment expense for a computer and on-going expenses for office supplies for a total cost to OEC of \$47,801 in FY 15 and \$60,388 in FY 16. State Comptroller - Fringe Benefit costs associated with this position are \$16,516 in FY 15 and \$22,021 in FY 16.
15	SB 190	-	At least 1.1 million	At least 1.1 million	The bill results in a cost to the state health plan and the state pursuant to the federal ACA of at least \$1.1 million in FY 15. Annualized cost to the state of approximately \$2.2 million. Annualized cost to fully insured municipalities of at least \$1 million. The bill requires coverage for tomosynthesis, as well as breast ultrasounds in the event tomosynthesis indicates dense breast tissue. Tomosynthesis is not currently a covered services and is considered experimental.
16	sSB 200	-	379,689	379,689	The bill results in a cost to the state health plan and the state pursuant to the federal ACA of \$379,689 in FY 15. Annualized cost to the state of approximately \$759,378. Annualized cost to fully insured municipalities of at least \$363,316. The bill requires coverage for specialized formula up to age 26. Current law requires coverage up to age 12.

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17	sSB 203	-	-	-	There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Children and Families to identify, over a six month period, a state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness program in collaboration with the Departments of Education and Social Services, as tools, curricula and programs designed to raise awareness and reduce risk factors related to child sexual abuse are available through federal, state and community resources. Additionally, there is no cost to the local and regional school districts or the State Department of Education to make available on its Internet web site, age appropriate education materials for grades two through five, and may include (1) warning signs a child victim might exhibit and (2) resources to further student, teacher, and parental education and outreach.
18	sSB 211	-	626,000	626,000	Section 1 results in a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 15 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses. Section 2 eliminates the FY 15 transfer of the Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines' Fund (SSMF) to the American Legion and continues current practice of the SSMF as a state appropriated agency which would result in General Fund cost of approximately \$625,000.
19	sSB 229	-	-	-	No fiscal impact.
20	SB 242	-	No cost to SDE; cost to various local and regional school districts	No cost to SDE; cost to various local and regional school districts	See fiscal note for explanation.

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21	SB 392	-	747,000	747,000	The bill is anticipated to result in a cost of \$747,000 to the Insurance Fund (IF) beginning in FY 15 for additional staff and resources at the Insurance Department. The bill requires the Insurance Department to actuarially assess the adequacy of provider networks, examine insurers' contracting practices, and interview both enrollees and providers. These additional costs include: 1) personal services costs of \$510,000 for six full time positions (a program manager, three market conduct examiners, and two research analysts) and two part time (an actuary and an attorney); 2) fringe benefit costs of \$187,000; and \$50,000 for network data modeling software.
22	sSB 394	-	-	-	The bill does not result in a cost to the state health plan as the plan does not currently utilize step therapy. This bill does not impact other pharmacy plan procedures for the state health plan. The bill is not anticipated to result in a cost to fully insured municipalities. The bill is not considered a health mandate under the federal ACA.
23	sSB 408	-	See Comments	See Comments	The bill will result in a cost associated with amending the Medicaid state plan to cover services provided by licensed psychologists and clinical social workers. The total cost for this change would depend on the number of eligible individuals and providers and the rate paid for such services. For purposes of an example, the current Medicaid rate for a Psychologist (for clients under the age of 21) for behavioral health intervention for an individual is \$11.30, while the rate for psychological testing is \$75.05. To the extent that the state supports such services for individuals with non-Medicaid funding, a savings would offset a portion of these costs.

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24	SB 483	-	-	See Comments	The bill carries forward any unexpended funds in the 21 st Century Jobs account within the Department of Labor from FY 14 to FY 15, and transfers the funds to the Incumbent Worker Training account. This increases the amount of funding available in the Incumbent Worker Training account by approximately \$24,000 in FY 15, and reduces the FY 14 projected surplus of approximately \$500 million by \$24,000.
25	HB 5038	-	potential cost - greater than 500,000	potential cost - greater than 500,000	The bill results in a potential cost of greater than \$500,000 in FY 15 to DCF. It requires DCF to conduct a study, within available appropriations, to evaluate the health of children throughout the state. As the bill does not mandate that the agency perform this study regardless of available funding, the \$500,000 cost is potential. There are approximately 800,000 individuals under 18 in Connecticut. Since the aspects of children's health to be studied are not limited by the bill, physical, mental, behavioral and oral health could be included in its scope.