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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN CHOICE VOUCHERS PILOT PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	None	117,500

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Housing (DOH) to establish the Open Choice Voucher pilot program and results in a cost to DOH of approximately \$117,500 in FY 23. This estimate reflects the average annual rental voucher cost of \$11,750 per family (including \$250 in administration costs) for the ten new rental vouchers to be provided in the school year commencing in 2022.

The Out Years

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Department of Housing (DOH46900)	GF - Cost	236,150	238,462	240,795

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

The bill results in a cost to DOH of approximately \$236,150 in FY 24 for the second year of the pilot program, which reflects the cost for ten additional new rental vouchers for the school year commencing in

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2023, and the continuation of the ten original vouchers with a one percent cost increase due to inflation. The fiscal impact in FY 24 is anticipated to continue into the future subject to a one percent increase in voucher costs per year.

Sources: Department of Housing