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AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY EDUCATOR PAY EQUITY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Early Childhood, Off.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to administer the Early Childhood Care and Education Salary Enhancement Grant program. The extent of the cost will depend upon how many early childhood care and education programs register to receive a grant under the program as well as how many eligible staff members are employed at each program. OEC may incur additional costs to the extent that the agency needs additional staff to administer the program.

For reference, the bill requires that each family child care home receive: 1) twenty thousand dollars for each licensee, 2) six thousand dollars for each full-time assistant or substitute staff member approved by OEC, and 3) three thousand dollars for each part-time assistant or substitute staff member approved by OEC.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject the number of grant registrants and early care and education program staff eligible to receive funds.

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