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AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	320,992	299,172
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	123,408	123,408
TOTAL	GF - Cost	444,400	422,580

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), in collaboration with the chairpersons of the Emergency Department (ED) Crowding Work Group and a representative of an association of hospitals in the state, to annually evaluate various hospital ED data² and post certain hospital ED data on DPH's website, is anticipated to result in a cost to DPH of \$320,992 in FY 25 and \$299,172 in FY 26, as well as an annual cost to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) - Fringe Benefits of \$123,408. This estimate includes staff in FY 25 and FY 26³ as well as some one-time other expenses in FY 25.⁴

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

²There are 32 EDs in Connecticut.

³Salary costs include: 1.0 IT Analyst II - \$129,935; 1.0 Health Care Analyst - \$81,460; 0.5 Research Analyst Supervisor - \$53,923; and 0.25 Nurse Consultant - \$33,854.

⁴Other expenses include syndromic surveillance software, hardware, software, and office supplies totaling approximately \$22,000.

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The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.