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AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipal Police Departments	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill requires all prospective employees and contractors of long-term care facilities to submit to fingerprint-based state criminal history records checks, resulting in: (1) a potential cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), (2) a potential revenue gain to the General Fund,¹ and (3) a potential revenue gain to

¹DESPP conducts state criminal history records checks for a fee of \$75. The revenue that is collected from this fee is deposited into the General Fund.

the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account and various municipal police departments² in FY 26 and FY 27. The potential cost to DESPP will depend on the extent to which the volume of new applicants for state criminal history checks increases department workload and impacts overtime. It is unknown how many employers already require such applicants to submit to such checks as a condition of employment.

There is no anticipated cost to the Department of Public Health as the existing long-term care background search program can accommodate any increase in background checks resulting from the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of state criminal history records checks performed.

²DESPP conducts fingerprinting for a fee of \$15 fee per person paid to the Applicant Fingerprint Card Submission Account. Municipal police departments may also conduct the required fingerprinting for state criminal history records checks and typically charge a fee of \$10 to \$15.