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sHB-6932

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE INTERPRETING STANDARDS BOARD.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9565)

House Calendar No.: 290

Senate Calendar No.: 568

### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Aging and Disability Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	114,000	177,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	40,000	66,000

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill results in a cost of \$114,000 in FY 26 and \$177,000 in FY 27 to the Department of Aging and Disability Services (ADS) to support the activities of a new Interpreting Standards Board and two new positions.

ADS will require a Bureau Director and an Administrative Assistant to support the Board, which will result in personal services costs of \$98,000 in FY 26 and \$162,000 in FY 27.<sup>2</sup> There are corresponding costs to the State Comptroller of \$40,000 in FY 26 and \$66,000 in FY 27 for fringe benefits. Funding of \$16,000 in FY 26 and \$15,000 in FY 27 will

<sup>1</sup>The 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 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

<sup>2</sup> Currently, the Bureau Director's position is partially funded in FY 26 via ARPA dollars appropriated in 2024.

cover equipment costs, interpreter support, and transcription services.

House Amendment “A” makes various changes to the duties of ADS and the Bureau of Services for Persons Who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing, as well as other technical and conforming changes that do not result in a fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

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

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