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sHB-6951

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 10037)

House Calendar No.: 551

Senate Calendar No.: 593

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	210,000 to 510,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various requirements of the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee resulting in the potential cost described below.

Section 1 requires the committee to conduct a study concerning existing behavioral health services for children and anticipated demand for future services resulting in no fiscal impact because the Committee has the necessary expertise and resources to conduct the study.

Section 2 requires the committee to develop a survey for administration at school-based health centers and allows the committee to contract with a consultant resulting in a potential cost to the Office of

Legislative Management (OLM)¹. If the committee decides to contract with a consultant, there is a potential cost to OLM of up to \$10,000².

Additionally, this section requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop appropriate reporting requirements for school-based health centers resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because DPH has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

Section 502 allows the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee to contract with the Yale Child Study Center to determine if additional federal funding is available and to conduct a trial of the center to see if it may qualify as an evidence-based treatment program resulting in a potential cost to the Office of Legislative Management (OLM). If the committee decides to contract with Yale for these services, there is a potential cost to OLM of approximately \$200,000 to \$500,000 in FY 26. The exact cost is dependent on the services requested and the terms of the contract between Yale and the committee.

The bill makes other technical, clarifying, and conforming changes that do not result in a fiscal impact.

House "A" adds sections 501 to 507 resulting in the potential cost to OLM in section 502 described above.

The Out Years

None.

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¹The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee resides in OLM's budget.

²The exact cost will depend on the hourly rate of the consultant and the number of hours the consultant will need to work to help create the survey.