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sHB-7023

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COACHES AND MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELORS UNDER A PEER SUPPORT TREATMENT MODEL.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with expanding Medicaid coverage for peer support services (recovery-focused behavioral health services). The bill requires DSS to amend the Medicaid state plan to integrate peer support services into care teams funded under the medical assistance program and provide Medicaid reimbursement to peer support specialists for such services. The extent of the increased cost is dependent on utilization of the expanded service coverage and rates established.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the Medicaid rates established and service utilization.