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AN ACT CONCERNING CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	84,500	84,500
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	33,382	33,382

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	STATE MANDATE ² - Cost	None	Minimal

Explanation

The bill establishes new protocols for school crisis response drills, resulting in a total cost to the state of \$117,882 in FY 26 and FY 27, as well as a minimal cost to local and regional school districts beginning in FY 27.

Section 1, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to develop definitions, terminology, guidance, and an evaluation template for crisis response drills by April

¹ 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.

² State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

1, 2026, results in a cost of \$84,500 to DESPP and \$33,382 to the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits in FY 26 and FY 27. To develop such standards, including standard responses to crises and debriefing protocols, and to prepare the required reports under the bill, DESPP will need to hire one durational Emergency Management Program Specialist, with an estimated annual starting salary of \$82,000 and annual equipment costs of up to \$2,500.

Section 3 requires local and regional school districts to implement certain provisions relating to crisis response drills beginning in FY 27, including providing communication regarding crisis response drills in a recipient's native language. The cost to school districts is expected to be minimal but will depend on the number of native languages and the complexity of the communication being translated.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The position identified in section 1 will no longer be required beyond FY 28 following the conclusion of the bill's requirements for DESPP.