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AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH CARE.

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:

Section 1 requires the Office of Health Strategy to develop a plan to open more birth centers and birthing hospitals in underserved areas of the state, which will not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 2 results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with increasing Medicaid rates paid for doula services. The extent of the cost is dependent on the change in Medicaid rates, which is not specified by the bill.

Section 3 adds to the objectives supported by the Connecticut Fatherhood Initiative (CFI) Council to include programs that expand the role of fathers in supporting maternal health. DSS must apply for related funds and distribute to aligned programs, which the agency can do with existing staff.

The Out Years

State Impact: The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to Medicaid rates and service

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utilization.

Municipal Impact: None