

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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## AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS IN PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.

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

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

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Office of Workforce Strategy	GF - Cost	110,000	110,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	40,710	40,710
Office of Workforce Strategy	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill results in an annual cost of \$150,710 to the state by requiring the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) to develop and implement a financial aid program for students in paramedic certificate programs. The programmatic cost of the financial aid program is dependent upon the parameters that OWS creates for the program and is therefore unknown.

#### ***Administration***

OWS will require one full time position to manage the program at an annual cost of \$140,710 (\$100,000 in salary and \$40,710 in fringe). Additionally, there is an anticipated cost of \$10,000 annually required for marketing the program to potential students, including websites and

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<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.

advertising expenses.

### **Programmatic Costs**

The programmatic cost to the financial aid program is unknown as it is dependent upon the parameters that OWS will create for the program. Furthermore, the bill does not identify a funding source for the program. Based on paramedic licensing data from the Department of Public Health, it is estimated that a range of 100 to 200 students graduate from paramedic programs annually.

For illustrative purposes, if 10% of paramedic students received full tuition payments from program annually, the cost to such financial aid packages could be up to \$100,000 annually, based on current tuition rates in the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system.<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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<sup>2</sup> CT State 2024-205 tuition rates: <https://ctstate.edu/admissions-registration/investing-in-a-ct-state-education>