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sHB-7219

AN ACT PROTECTING 504 PLAN ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	131,000	131,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	53,400	53,400

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost annually to the General Fund, primarily in the State Department of Education (SDE), of \$184,400 beginning in FY 26. It conforms state statute with federal law regarding legal protections for students with disabilities and allows SDE to enforce those protections.

It is anticipated SDE will have to hire one full-time Education Consultant (annual salary of \$131,000 and \$53,400 in corresponding fringe benefits) to pursue and investigate allegations of noncompliance. Additional staffing costs may be necessary depending on the volume of complaints and federal developments.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact for local and regional school districts as they must already meet the bill's requirements under federal

¹The 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.

law (section 504).

The Out Years

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