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SB-1189 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL INTERNET WEB SITES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential	See Below	See Below
	Cost		

Explanation

The bill requires municipalities to register a ".gov" internet top-level domain and redirect any existing Internet web site addresses maintained by such municipality to the new ".gov" domain by July 1, 2027. This results in a potential cost to various municipalities beginning in FY 26 to the extent they do not have the necessary staff to transition to a .gov domain.

Currently, 113 of Connecticut's 169 municipalities do not have a ".gov" top-level domain and would need to register a new domain with such designation. There is no registration cost for entities eligible for the ".gov" designation. There is no fiscal impact to municipalities that already use a .gov domain or have the staff necessary to complete the transition to the new domain.

For towns without the resources to complete the transition, there is a federal grant program administered by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency within the United States Department of Homeland Security that assists with the transition process.¹

The Out Years

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

¹ https://www.cisa.gov/cybergrants/slcgp