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AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Healthcare Advocate, Off.	IF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA) of at least \$50,000 to the Insurance Fund as it requires OHA to contract with a vendor to develop an online hospital financial assistance portal for patients and family members. The contract cost will depend on the features and functionality included in the portal. There may also be ongoing costs for portal maintenance. The bill does not specify a deadline regarding an operational portal so it is unclear in which fiscal year the initial cost will be incurred.

The bill additionally requires hospitals maintaining a financial assistance program to submit certain information to OHA, which has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the timing of OHA's contract with a vendor and the need for ongoing portal maintenance costs.

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