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AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
All Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	1,400	1,400

Explanation

The bill results in a potential, minimal revenue loss to municipal libraries of approximately \$1,400 each annually beginning in FY 26 if they do not comply with the bill's provisions. The bill also results in a potential, minimal revenue gain annually beginning in FY 26 to municipalities that do comply. The bill requires libraries to develop maintenance, display, and review policies. It disqualifies them from receiving Library Incentive Grants if they do not comply.

The Library Incentive Grant is administered by the Connecticut State Library (CSL), and has been funded at \$225,000 annually since FY 24. The grant provides funding to local libraries that adhere to certain collections and other policies.

The bill has no fiscal impact to the CSL as it does not change the overall funding amount for the Library Incentive Grant. It is anticipated that the CSL would reallocate funding that was eliminated for a library

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that did not comply with the bill's provisions. To the extent this occurs, there would be a minimal revenue gain to municipalities that receive this grant.

The bill has no fiscal impact to local and regional school districts. It establishes similar requirements for school libraries that it establishes for municipal libraries. It is anticipated that local and regional school districts have the resources to comply with the bill's provisions. School libraries do not receive Library Incentive Grants.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to compliance with the bill's provisions.