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AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATING SPOUSES FOR STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) due to allowing payment for personal care assistance services for individuals enrolled in the state-funded Connecticut Home Care Program, including care provided by spouses. The bill increases costs to DSS associated with clients who would not otherwise access PCA services but will do so if provided by their spouse or other caregivers currently ineligible for such payments. For context, there are approximately 2,600 clients on the state-funded on the home care program. In FY 24, PCA related expenditures totaled approximately \$28.4 million.

The Out Years

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