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SB-1373

AN ACT REQUIRING THE LICENSURE OF LACTATION
CONSULTANTS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 27 \$ | FY 28 \$ | FY 29 \$ |
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| Public Health, Dept. | GF - Revenue Gain | 57,200 | Minimal | 28,600 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill creates a new Department of Public Health (DPH) licensure category for lactation consultants, starting July 1, 2026, which results in a General Fund revenue gain of approximately \$57,200 in FY 27 from initial licensure fees paid by approximately 286¹ lactation consultants (\$200 each). A lactation consultant license will be subject to biennial renewal, resulting in an FY 29 revenue gain of \$28,600 from renewal fees (\$100 each), and every two years thereafter. A minimal revenue gain is anticipated in FY 28 (and annually thereafter) associated with new entrants to this profession and their licensure renewals.

As the language of the bill conforms the licensing of lactation consultants to current DPH practices associated with other professions, and the number of projected initial and renewal applications is limited, it is anticipated that the department can establish this new licensure

¹ As of 12/18/24, there were 286 lactation consultants in Connecticut holding International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners certification.

category within existing resources.

The bill empowers the DPH commissioner to take disciplinary action against a lactation consultant licensee, which may result in a minimal revenue gain to the General Fund from civil penalties beginning in FY 27. Disciplinary actions available to DPH include imposing a civil penalty of up to \$10,000. The extent of the revenue gain, if any, is dependent on the number of violations and the DPH's discretion regarding civil penalties.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of persons seeking initial and renewal lactation consultant licensure.