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sHB-6921
AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.
AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the language of the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact. The fiscal impacts of the amendment are below:

Sections 1-8 make technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to various Office of Early Childhood (OEC) statutes, which do not result in a fiscal impact.

Sections 9 and 10 make clarifying and procedural changes that have no fiscal impact.

Sections 11 and 12 expand eligible recipients of grants under an interdistrict magnet grant capital expense program, which is funded through General Obligation (GO) bonds. Future General Fund debt service costs may be incurred or incurred sooner due to the program's expansion to the degree that it causes authorized GO bond funds to be expended or to be expended more quickly than they otherwise would have been.

As of April 14, 2025, there is an unallocated bond balance of $2 million for the program. The bill does not change overall GO bond authorization levels.

Section 13 changes the calculation structure for Sheff region choice school transportation grants and requires the grant to be based on actual transportation costs, beginning in FY 26. The impact will depend on the cost of relevant transportation services within the Sheff region and how that differs from the current calculation method's results, which is unknown. If the new structure results in additional annual cost to the State Department of Education (SDE) and a corresponding revenue gain to school districts and regional educational service centers (RESCs), it is expected to be less than $3 million per year. The account which funds these grants has lapsed approximately that amount annually in recent years.

Sections 14 and 15 make procedural and technical changes that have no fiscal impact.

Section 16 results in a potential savings to local and regional school districts beginning in FY 27. It requires private special education providers to provide base tuition and costs for services for each school year by December 31 of the preceding year in which services will be provided. This requirement will allow school districts to: (1) choose cost effective programs to meet student needs; and (2) plan for expenses related to private special education service

Section 17 has no fiscal impact. It (1) makes a change regarding cooperative agreements that the Connecticut Technical Education and Career Center may enter into; and (2) requires the Office of Policy and Management to approve requests for filling instructional positions at the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) within 30 days of receiving notice of the need to fill such positions.

Sections 18 – 27 make technical and clarifying changes regarding epinephrine and glucagon, which have no fiscal impact.