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AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY PLANS AND DISCHARGE PLANS
FOR MINOR PATIENTS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	None	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact. The amendment sets standards for local and regional boards of education (BOEs) and the State Department of Education (SDE) regarding the transmission of minor safety plans. The amendment results in the fiscal impacts described by section below.

Sections 1 – 2 require BOEs to: (1) have a secure messaging system to access minor safety plans and provide access to the secure messaging system to at least one designated employee by January 1, 2026; and (2) submit all secure messaging system addresses to SDE by April 1, 2026, which will maintain a list of the addresses. This has no fiscal impact to BOEs or SDE; it is anticipated they can meet the requirements with existing resources.

Section 3 requires, beginning in FY 27: (1) BOEs to provide annual

training for all designated employees; and (2) SDE to create materials for such trainings. There is a potential minimal cost to SDE associated with producing and providing training materials.

Section 4 requires the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to provide a secure messaging platform for schools and school districts to receive safety plans from providers through the state's Health Information Exchange (Connie). As Connie already has direct messaging capability, there is no fiscal impact to OHS to develop such a platform.

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