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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 4116)

Senate Calendar No.: 304

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill as amended results in a revenue gain to municipalities and regional boards of education (BOEs) related to increasing Smart Start grants to \$6,500 per child (or \$97,500 per 15-student classroom). The overall Smart Start appropriation within the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) remains unchanged.

For reference, under PA 25-198 (the FY 26–FY 27 biennial budget), funding for the program will increase by \$3 million in FY 27, bringing the total appropriation to \$6.3 million. Although the bill does not change the total appropriation, historical spending trends suggest that municipalities and regional boards of education will receive higher grant awards due to the increased grant allowance limits.

The bill as amended makes other clarifying, technical and conforming changes that do not have a fiscal impact.

Senate "A" strikes section 3 of the underlying bill, thereby eliminating

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the cost and potential revenue gain to the state associated with licensing day camps under a new definition.

The Out Years

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

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