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sSB-427

AN ACT CONCERNING DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Constituent Units of Higher Education	OF - Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential

Note: OF=Other Funds

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Reduces Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential

Explanation

The bill results in a potential revenue gain annually beginning in FY 27 to the constituent units of higher education. The bill expands an existing grant program to any Connecticut institution of higher education, which will be eligible to receive a grant for reimbursement for the revenue loss related to fee waivers for certain dually and concurrently enrolled high school students. To the extent funds are provided to institutions of higher education, there will be less funds available for local and regional boards of education, which are the currently authorized grant recipients.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, requires the State Department of Education to administer a grant program for a high-need student fee waiver for dual enrollment beginning in FY 27, and provides \$6 million for the program. To the extent that the bill shifts funding for the grant

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to the constituent units of higher education, they would experience a revenue gain. At the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, fee waivers for dually and concurrently enrolled high school students result in an estimated revenue loss of \$21.3 million in FY 26.

The bill does not increase funding for the program. This means that any increase in funding provided to the constituent units or other institutions of higher education as a result of the bill reduces funding available for other recipients, which are local and regional school districts.

The bill additionally requires SDE to appoint a dual and concurrent enrollment course coordinator and makes other clarifying changes. These changes have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of high-need student fee waivers granted and corresponding reimbursement provided to the constituent units of higher education.