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AN ACT EXPANDING LONG-TERM CARE OPTIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	At least 100,000	See Below
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	500,000	None
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 of the bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to rebalance the strategic plan for long-term care supports and services. In the strategic plan, DSS must address (1) increased home- and community-based care opportunities for Medicaid enrollees and those with income up to 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are currently ineligible for HUSKY C; (2) increased outreach by DSS to Medicaid beneficiaries and other such persons who may be eligible for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly; and (3) assistance provided by the department to such beneficiaries or other such persons in completing applications for such programs. This results in a cost of at least \$100,000 to DSS in FY 27 for additional support (staff or consultant) to rebalance the strategic plan with these new components. Ongoing costs are dependent on the frequency of such reporting and related data monitoring.

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To the extent DSS is required to implement the components of the strategic plan, DSS will incur potentially significant costs related to home- and community-based programs expansion, increased outreach activities, and department assistance in completing applications for these programs.

Section 2 of the bill requires the Long-Term Planning Committee within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to (1) study ways to expand long-term care options for Medicaid beneficiaries and others who meet certain requirements, and (2) submit a report by December 1, 2026. This results in a one-time cost to OPM of \$500,000 in FY 27 for a consultant to meet the requirements of the study and submit a report by the deadline.

The Out Years

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