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HB-5200

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY FOR
PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
UConn Health Ctr.	GF - Cost	225,000	Minimal
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	200,000	200,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and replaces it with language that is anticipated to result in approximately the same fiscal impact as was identified for the underlying bill.

Starting on 1/1/25, the amendment requires specified health care facilities to ensure that each facility has at least one examination room that meets accessibility standards, including at least one accessible weight scale, which is anticipated to result in a one-time cost of \$225,000 in FY 25 to the University of Connecticut Health Center to purchase various accessible equipment.¹ Maintenance and service costs for the new equipment in FY 26 and the out years are expected to be minimal.

¹The cost of the new equipment ranges from \$4,000 for a wheelchair scale to \$9,000 for an electric exam table.

The amendment also results in a cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) of approximately \$200,000 in both FY 25 and FY 26 only for two full-time consultants, which are needed to investigate complaints of noncompliance, oversee attainment of corrective measures, and receive written exemption requests. It is anticipated that these consultants will address a surge of complaints in the first two years that the amendment is effective and that, afterwards, complaints will be addressed within existing DPH resources.

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