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sHB-5437

AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
University of Connecticut	Various - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Various Local Boards of Education	See Below	See Below	See Below

### **Explanation**

The bill delays, or eliminates, costs to certain local and regional school districts and the University of Connecticut associated with separating and disposing organic and inorganic solid waste. The bill makes several other changes to education statutes that have no fiscal impact. These changes are described below by section.

**Section 1** establishes the Educator Professional Development Mandate Review Advisory Council. This has no fiscal impact.

**Sections 2 and 3** allow professional development and evaluation committees within local and regional school districts to determine the manner and schedule of professional development requirements in their districts. This has no fiscal impact as it is not anticipated to impact the cost to districts associated with any professional development.

**Sections 4 and 5** adjust certain training requirements for school

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resource officers. This has no fiscal impact.

**Section 6** eliminates, for some facilities, and delays, for others, a requirement that has not yet taken effect for school and higher education facilities that generate a high volume of waste to separate and compost organic waste (i.e., food scraps). The bill limits the number of educational facilities that will be required to separate and compost food scraps to such facilities located within 20 miles of a composting facility. For those facilities that must separate and compost food scraps, the requirement is delayed from January 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026.

The section results in: (1) a delay, from FY 25 to FY 27, of any fiscal impacts associated with these provisions, and (2) an elimination of fiscal impacts to those facilities that generate a high volume of food scraps and are more than 20 miles away from a composting facility. These changes may impact the University of Connecticut.

**Section 7** has no fiscal impact. It makes several changes to high school graduation requirements that are not expected to increase the cost of curriculum administration or development.

**Section 8** exempts students enrolled in endowed academies who are not from Connecticut from the requirement to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which has no fiscal impact to school districts.

**Sections 9 and 10** make technical changes and have no fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

Any savings incurred by a local or regional school district or the University of Connecticut as a result of Section 6 of the bill will continue into the future subject to the cost of waste disposal. The other provisions of the bill have no fiscal impact in the out years.