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State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:

2025-S 0113

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Date Requested: Friday, January 31, 2025

Date Due: Saturday, February 15, 2025

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2025	\$0	FY 2025	N/A
FY 2026	\$0	FY 2026	N/A
FY 2027	\$0	FY 2027	N/A

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This bill would relieve the East Providence public schools and the city of East Providence from providing any educational or financial resources to children placed in the Children's Residential and Family Treatment (CRAFT) program or other Bradley Hospital programs. The school district of origin where the student was last registered would bear this responsibility.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

The bill states that neither the East Providence public schools or the city of East Providence shall be responsible to provide educational or related services or instruction or have any financial responsibility for any student attending the CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs. Rather, the school district of origin shall be responsible to provide and pay for such services and instruction consistent with applicable state law and regulation. "School district of origin" is defined as the school district in which the student was last registered to attend prior to admission to a Bradley program. While this provision is to be effective June 30, 2025, it will take effect upon passage of the bill. The Budget Office assumes passage on July 1, 2025.

The education funding formula distributes aid to all districts, charter schools and the state schools and is based on the principle that the money follows the student. Therefore, there would be no direct impact to state general revenue if the school district of origin becomes financially responsible for the student attending a CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs rather than East Providence as those students are already accounted for in the education funding formula. However, this will have financial impact on cities and towns who will take on responsibility of students attending the CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs from East Providence.

Though an analysis of these expenditures and corresponding impact on cities and towns is beyond the scope of this fiscal note, the Budget Office consulted with the East Providence School District (EPSD), Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (RIDE) and Department of Children, Youth, Children & Families (DCYF) to gather additional information and context.

Beyond the CRAFT program, the bill does not define what programs would qualify as "other Bradley Hospital programs". In consultation with EPSD, there are currently no other Bradley programs that



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impact East Providence other than the CRAFT program. For the purpose of this analysis, this fiscal note will consider just the impact of the CRAFT program.

East Providence School District estimates that the education services provided to students from out of district enrolled in the CRAFT program cost approximately \$77,985 per student per year. Additionally, there are transportation costs to consider to bus students from Bradley Hospital to the school they are enrolled costing an additional \$15,000 per student per year. Therefore, it costs EPSD approximately \$92,985 per CRAFT student per year. The East Providence School District provided data as of March 2025 that 48 students have been enrolled in the CRAFT program from out of district. Below is a snapshot of the number of CRAFT students by school district of origin and financial impact to those districts.

School District	Students enrolled in CRAFT	Total Costs
Barrington	2	\$ 185,969
Bristol	1	\$ 92,985
Coventry	2	\$ 185,969
Cranston	3	\$ 278,954
Cumberland	1	\$ 92,985
East Providence	2	\$ 185,969
Johnston	1	\$ 92,985
Lincoln	1	\$ 92,985
Middletown	1	\$ 92,985
Narragansett	1	\$ 92,985
North Kingstown	2	\$ 185,969
North Providence	3	\$ 278,954
North Smithfield	1	\$ 92,985
Pawtucket	3	\$ 278,954
Portsmouth	1	\$ 92,985



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Providence	6	\$ 557,908
Tiverton	2	\$ 185,969
Warren	1	\$ 92,985
Warwick	6	\$ 557,908
Westerly	3	\$ 278,954
West Warwick	2	\$ 185,969
Woonsocket	3	\$ 278,954
Homeless (District Unknown)	1	\$ 92,985

Children enrolled in the CRAFT program are typically in residence for up to one year, however others are enrolled for shorter terms, and the program enrolls children on a rolling basis throughout the year. Therefore, these figures are a snapshot of a moment in time assuming enrollment in CRAFT for one year. However, it is important to note that costs can vary significantly based on enrollment and length of residence in the CRAFT program which can be hard to predict. Of note, there are additional costs that the EPSD incurs for CRAFT students such as specialized care and administrative costs, but they are unable to be quantified at this time based on readily available information.

Furthermore, RIDE has noted additional adjustments should be considered to RIGL 16-64.1-1(b)(2) and RIGL 16-7-22 as these state laws provide East Providence with revenue for CRAFT students that would remain in place as Senate bill S 0113 is written. The adjustments should address redirecting the below stated revenue to the "school district of origin" as defined in the bill and/or remove that revenue to East Providence.

Under RIGL 16-64-1.1(b)(2), the city of East Providence receives additional state educational aid through RIDE at a rate of \$26,000 annually per bed licensed by DCYF. DCYF currently licenses 18 beds at CRAFT, and therefore, East Providence receives \$468,000 annually in group home bed aid. This remains in place in the current bill as written, rather than being directed to the "school district of origin" who would bear responsibility under this bill. } 4

Added in the 2024 session, under RIGL 16-7-22, education aid to the city of East Providence is not reduced for group home beds that are located or associated with the CRAFT program pursuant to RIGL 16-64-1.1, as is the case with other group home revenue. This remains in place in the current bill as written, rather than being directed to the "school district of origin" who would bear responsibility under this bill.



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Comments on Sources of Funds:

School education aid is based in general revenue.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FY 2025: \$0

FY 2026: \$0

FY 2027: \$0

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