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Fiscal Note

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H.861 – An act relating to establishing an Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

As recommended by the House Committee on Appropriations, Draft 1.1¹

Bill Summary

This bill, as recommended, proposes to create the permanent position of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator within the Agency of Administration. This position would coordinate, across State government and in collaboration with agency partners, all State programs, services, and activities, accessible to and available for individuals with disabilities.

The bill creates an ADA Coordinator position within the Agency of Administration at a cost of \$150,000 beginning in fiscal year 2027.

In hiring for the position, the Secretary of Administration shall consider only those candidates nominated by the following entities:

- the Human Rights Commission;
- Disability Rights Vermont;
- the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights; and
- the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

The bill sets forth specific duties and responsibilities of the ADA Coordinator, which shall have the administrative, legal, and technical support of the Agency of Administration.

Fiscal Impact

As recommended by the Committee on Appropriations, Section 2 would make the bill effective contingent on an appropriation of \$150,000 from the General Fund being made in fiscal year 2027 to pay for the position.

This position would represent an ongoing expense to the Agency of Administration in future fiscal years.

ⁱ The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be pulled up through a bill number search on the JFO page.

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