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## Fiscal Note

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### **S.243 – An act relating to distributing funds to the Vermont Language Justice Project**

**As recommended by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare Draft 2.1<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Bill Summary**

**T**he bill proposes to require the Department of Health to distribute funds to the Vermont Language Justice Project for the creation of informational materials related to a disease outbreak or other public health emergency.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The bill would appropriate \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for distribution to the Vermont Language Justice Project to prepare informational materials for Vermonters who speak languages other than English in the event of a disease outbreak or other public health emergency, including ongoing personal and public health information.

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<sup>2</sup> More information about the Vermont Language Justice Project can be found [here](#).