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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
AND OTHER MEANS TO GENERATE DECEPTIVE SYNTHETIC
MEDIA AND AFFECT ELECTIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill creates offenses related to deceptive synthetic media ranging from a class C misdemeanor to a class D felony. This results in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600² each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

¹Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g., food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.). This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

²Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is

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The bill also allows the Attorney General to bring a civil action against someone who violates the provisions of the bill resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent violations occur.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.