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AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL
HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FEES FOR AN INDIGENT PERSON
SEEKING A PARDON.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to waive and cover the cost of fees associated with background checks for indigent persons seeking a pardon, results in a cost to the state beginning in FY 26.

The waiver applies to the following fees:

1. the convenience fee for fingerprinting of up to \$30 charged by independent contractors,
2. any processing or distribution fees charged for a criminal history report, and
3. any fee for electronically preregistering with the Connecticut

criminal history request system.¹

It is unknown how many individuals will apply for this waiver.

The Out Years

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

¹ Ordinarily, this fee totals \$88.25 (or \$90.90 with a credit card). Existing law already allows DESPP to waive a \$75 portion of this fee for a state criminal history report, leaving a remainder of \$13.25 to be waived (and presumably covered by DESPP) for the federal report.