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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN EVIDENCE AND RECORDS, FIREARM INFORMATION, SECURITY GUARDS, FIREARM TRANSFERS AND SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9341)

House Calendar No.: 285

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

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

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	See Below	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill makes several changes to the public safety statutes based on the recommendations of Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, resulting in the following impacts.

**Section 5** results in a minimal potential revenue gain to the General Fund beginning in FY 26, by potentially limiting a fee waiver for criminal history records checks for security officer license renewals.

**Sections 6, 7, and 8** make various changes to class E and to class C

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felonies related to possession and/or sale of a weapon, which results in a potential savings to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue loss to the General Fund from fines.<sup>1</sup> On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300<sup>2</sup> while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600<sup>3</sup> each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

**Sections 10 and 11** expand eligible uses of funding under the school security grant, which is funded through General Obligation (GO) bonds. Future General Fund debt service costs may be incurred or incurred sooner due to the program's expansion to the degree that it causes authorized GO bond funds to be expended or to be expended more quickly than they otherwise would have been.

As of March 1, 2025, there is an unallocated bond balance of \$20 million for the school security program. The bill does not change GO bond authorizations.

To the extent school districts pursue and are awarded grants under the program expansion, there would be a potential increase in revenue to such districts.

The bill makes various other procedural and conforming changes which are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

House "A" strikes sections 1 and 2 of the underlying bill and makes changes to section 5 of the underlying bill that result in the impact

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<sup>1</sup> In FY 22-24, there were a total of 2,470 charges and \$1,500 collected in fines under CG§ 53-206, 29-33, and 29-37a.

<sup>2</sup> Inmate 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.

<sup>3</sup> Probation 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 anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

described above.

### ***The Out Years***

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

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