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sHB-7194

AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-DEFENSE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which excludes the intentional discharge of a firearm in self-defense or the defense of others from a class C misdemeanor for unlawfully discharging a firearm, results in a potential savings to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue loss to the General Fund from fines.¹ On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600² each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

The Out Years

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

¹ In FY 24, 331 charges were recorded and \$1,850 in associated revenue was collected under CGS § 53-203.

² Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant.