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AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS FOR
WRONGFUL INCARCERATION BY THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER
AND OWNER LIABILITY FOR LAND AVAILABLE FOR
RECREATIONAL USE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account	GF - Potential Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill exempts certain compensation awards for wrongful incarceration that the claims commissioner approves from being submitted to the General Assembly for review if the required expenditure from the General Fund is \$1.5 million or less. This results in a potential change to the awards provided in such cases to the extent the General Assembly would reject or remand the claim approved by the claims commissioner, and a higher or lower settlement is later agreed to.

The bill also explicitly limits the liability of the state for making certain land available to the public for recreational purposes, which results in potential savings to the extent the limitation reduces costs associated with such cases.

The Out Years

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.