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HB-7259

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES  
CONCERNING CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

AMENDMENT

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

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

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

Note: GF=General Fund

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

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment makes various changes to criminal justice laws, resulting in the following fiscal impacts.

**Section 3** reduces the penalty for a first offense of failure to appear in the second degree from a class A misdemeanor to a class D

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misdeemeanor. Subsequent offenses continue to be a class A misdemeanor. This results in a potential savings to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue loss to the General Fund from fines beginning in FY 26. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600<sup>1</sup> each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

**Section 5** requires that individuals receive a sentence reduction for their time of imprisonment in other states under certain circumstances, resulting in a potential savings to the Department of Correction beginning in FY 26, to the extent that these individuals spend less time incarcerated in Connecticut correctional facilities. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300.<sup>2</sup>

**Section 6** results in a potential cost to municipalities beginning in FY 26 to the extent they are subject to an action brought in superior court. Any cost will be dependent on court costs and attorney's fees associated with the action.

**Section 10** increases penalties under the Liquor Control Act to class C misdemeanors for a first offense and class B misdemeanors for subsequent offenses in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue impact<sup>3</sup> to the General Fund from fines beginning in FY 26.

**Section 11** creates a new class C misdemeanor for knowingly allowing a person under legal age to engage in online gaming or sports wagering resulting in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for

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<sup>1</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.

<sup>2</sup> Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g., food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.).

<sup>3</sup> Under current law, these violations may be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Under the amendment, such violations would be subject to a fine of up to \$500 for the first offense and up to \$1,000 for subsequent offenses.

probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines beginning in FY 26.

The amendment makes various other changes that are not anticipated to result in an impact to the state.

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