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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment strikes section 6 of the underlying bill, eliminating the potential cost to municipalities associated with that section.

The amendment also adds sections to the underlying bill, which result in the following impacts:

Section 501 creates a new class A misdemeanor and a class D felony, resulting in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600² each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

¹ 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.

² 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.

Section 502 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.

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