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AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CONNECTICUT UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT AND SPORTS WAGERING.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Correction, Dept.; Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill expands the crimes of cheating and allowing underage online gaming or sports wagering,<sup>1</sup> 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 \$3,300<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

<sup>1</sup> Between FY 22 and FY 25, there were 8 offenses recorded and no fines collected under CGS § 53a-127d. No data is available for CGS § 12-863a in this timeframe.

<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 expenses 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.

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\$450 each year for juveniles.

The bill also makes various changes to the Connecticut unfair trade practice statutes resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

***The Out Years***

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