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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.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5218)

Senate Calendar No.: 413

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,¹ 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 \$3,300² while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600³ each year for adults and

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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

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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.

House "A" makes minor and technical changes to section 4 and does not alter the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

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

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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.