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AN ACT CONCERNING ADDRESS VERIFICATION REFORMS FOR REGISTRANTS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 4618)

House Calendar No.: 525

Senate Calendar No.: 389

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill creates an affirmative defense for uncontrollable circumstances leading to an offender's failure to verify their address, resulting in potential savings to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for decreased incarceration or probation¹ and a potential revenue loss from fines in FY 27 and FY 28 to the extent there are fewer convictions of these crimes. 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

¹ Between FY 22 and FY 25, there were a total of 4,152 offenses recorded and \$10,700 in fines collected under CGS §§ 54-251 through 54-254. About 20 offenders are currently incarcerated under these statutes.

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.

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\$600³ each year for adults.

The bill also makes other procedural changes to the address verification process which are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact because the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has the capacity to implement these changes at no expense.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, resulting in 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 offenses and fines collected.

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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 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.