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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
AND OTHER MEANS TO GENERATE DECEPTIVE SYNTHETIC
MEDIA AND AFFECT ELECTIONS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	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 amendment strikes the underlying bill and results in the following impact.

The amendment, which creates a new crime for violations of the bill's provisions with penalties ranging from a class C misdemeanor to a class D felony, results 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

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 expenses would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

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the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600² each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

The bill also allows individuals to bring a civil action in Superior Court over alleged violations, which does not result in any fiscal impact to the state. The court system disposes of over 250,000 cases annually and the number of cases is not anticipated to be great enough to need additional resources.

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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.