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AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS, HEMP AND INFUSED
BEVERAGE REGULATION.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment expands the penalties for the illegal manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, and dispensing of fentanyl, 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.¹ On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300² while the

¹ Between FY 22 and FY 25, there were a total of 12,282 offenses recorded and \$614,220 in fines collected under CGS § 21a-277. About 450 individuals are currently incarcerated under this statute.

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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average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600³ each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

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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.