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AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF EFFORTS TO PREVENT
HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment makes various changes to the underlying bill as described below.

The amendment requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to designate an existing employee as the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinator. This will result in a cost to OPM of \$132,560 in FY 27 and an annual cost of \$130,470 beginning in FY 28 to OPM and a corresponding cost of \$54,370 in fringe benefits annually to the Office of the State Comptroller beginning in FY 27 as OPM does not have the resources necessary to meet these requirements.

Additionally, the amendment requires the coordinator to create a database within available appropriations. This results in a one-time cost to OPM of \$250,000 in FY 27 for a consultant and an annual cost of \$75,000 beginning in FY 28 associated with building and maintaining a database.

The amendment also strikes Section 6 of the underlying bill and creates new requirements for facilities that are licensed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), resulting in a cost reduction of \$250,000 in FY 27. The cost reduction to DCF is associated with the amendment's elimination of out-of-home care location security

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assessments. This also eliminates potential significant costs to the agency if they were to be responsible for identified security improvements, as well as the potential to incur significant liabilities if they failed to address them.

The potential cost to various municipal police departments related to performing the security assessment in conjunction with DCF is also eliminated by the amendment.

Section 502 of the amendment results in a cost of approximately \$100,000 in FY 27 and \$200,000 in FY 28 to the Department of Correction to contract with a provider to establish and maintain a confidential crisis hotline for correction officers and persons who are incarcerated in a correctional institution to call to report incidents of sexual violence. To the extent federal funds are available to fund such a contract, the total cost to the state may be reduced.

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