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HB-5563

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW PROPOSALS. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	83,000	166,000
CT Airport Authority	General Aviation Airports Enterprise Fund - Revenue Gain	Approximately 3,750	Approximately 5,000
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Judicial Dpt (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	254,600	See Below
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	112,010	67,750
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment adds various provisions to the bill and results in the

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

impacts described below.

Section 501 results in revenue gain of approximately \$3,750 in FY 27 and approximately \$5,000 in FY 28 and annually thereafter to the Connecticut Airport Authority by making the following changes to aviation facility fees: (1) establishing a new \$100 registration fee for the approximately 34 smaller facilities in the state, and (2) increasing the existing license fee from \$150 to \$300 for the approximately 67 larger facilities in the state.²

Section 501 also creates a new misdemeanor for operating a facility in violation of the amendment's registration requirement, which results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600³ each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

Section 503 moves the start date of the health pilot program established in section 8 of HB 5567 from FY 28 to one year earlier, resulting in cost of at least \$154,600 to DOC for two positions and \$78,135 to the State Comptroller for fringe benefits, as well as at least \$100,000 for contracting costs, in FY 27, in addition to the FY 28 impact in HB 5567.

Section 504 may result in additional petitions for DNA testing. A small number of additional petitions could be managed by the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) within existing resources, however if there is a significant increase in petitions, the amendment may result in additional resources to process the petitions in a timely fashion.

² Both the registrations and licenses are effective for three years, and this estimate assumes that a roughly equal number of applications and renewals occur each year. The lower amount for FY 27 is due to the October 1, 2026, effective date.

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.

Section 505 results in an annual cost of \$166,000 to the Judicial Department and \$67,750 to the State Comptroller for fringe benefits. The FY 27 amounts are 50% of the annual cost to reflect the section's implementation date.

The section allows victims to make a statement for the record before any proceedings to dismiss or nolle a charge against the defendant for certain offenses. To the extent that OVS assists these additional victims in writing these statements, it is estimated that they will need to hire up to two Victim Services Advocates.⁴ Equipment expenses for these positions are not expected to exceed \$4,000 annually.

The amendment makes additional changes that do not result in a fiscal impact.

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⁴ The starting annual salary for a Victim Services Advocate is about \$81,000. The estimated annual fringe benefits cost for each position is \$33,875.