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AN ACT CONCERNING NEWLY DISCOVERED EVIDENCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Pub. Defender Serv. Com.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows for additional exceptions to the three-year limit for petitioning for a new trial and results in a potential cost to the Public Defender Services Commission (PDS). To the extent that the newly discovered evidence results in a successful petition for a new trial and the defendant is eligible to receive the services of a public defender, the bill results in potential minimal cost as it is anticipated that PDS will assign the majority of cases staff attorneys. For cases that an assigned counsel must be utilized, assigned counsel receives \$6,000 per case.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of cases.