

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING INTIMIDATION ON ACCOUNT OF  
OCCUPATION AS A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Correction, Dept.; Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Cost	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill expands the crime of intimidation based on bigotry or bias to include public safety employees and results in a potential cost for incarceration or probation.

To the extent that offenders are prosecuted for expanded offenses under this bill, potential costs for incarceration or probation supervision in the community, or judicial revenue will result. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$1,800<sup>1</sup> while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$700<sup>2</sup> each year.

There is currently one inmate incarcerated under the existing

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<sup>1</sup> 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 would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

statutes, 11 probationers, and 34 violations in FY 18. However, expanding this crime to include public safety employees may increase the number of chargers or convictions.

***The Out Years***

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