

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-7401

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF VICTIM SERVICES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9545)

House Calendar No.: 443

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

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

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
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 bill creates a new misdemeanor, making it a class A when a state or municipal employee transmits images of a deceased person and results in a potential cost for incarceration or probation supervision and a potential revenue gain from fines. 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.

House "A" strikes the language of the underlying bill, replacing it

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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.

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with language that results in the fiscal impact described above.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.