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SB-948

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Minimal Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill reduces the maximum sentence for certain misdemeanors from one year to 364 days and results in a potential minimal savings to the state to the extent that these inmates have their sentences reduced by one day. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for a day is \$5.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of inmates with maximum misdemeanor sentences.

¹ Inmate marginal cost is based on reduced consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a reduction in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility closed.