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AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND
CONSCIENCE.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Minimal Fiscal Impact

The amendment makes employees of the Department of Children and Families guilty of a class E felony under specified circumstances. To the extent that the a death or serious physical injury occurs, the amendment results in a potential cost for incarceration or probation supervision and results in potential revenue from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$1,800¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$700² each year.

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¹ 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.

² 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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