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AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	approx. 250,000 annually	approx. 250,000 annually
Pub. Defender Serv. Com.	GF - Savings	approx. 250,000 annually	approx. 250,000 annually

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact. The amendment requires the Judicial Department (JUD) to share the cost for appointing interest of justice (IOJ) counsel with Division of Public Defender Service (PDS). Currently PDS expends approximately \$500,000 annually for IOJ appointments. The amendment results in a cost of approximately \$250,000 to JUD and corresponding savings to PDS of the same amount.

The amendment makes various other changes that do not result in a fiscal impact.

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