

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-123

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE INTENTIONAL INJURY OF A POLICE ANIMAL OR DOG IN A VOLUNTEER CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

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

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 22 \$</b>	<b>FY 23 \$</b>
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	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***

This bill increases the criminal penalty for intentionally injuring a peace officer's animal or a volunteer canine search and rescue team's dog while they are performing their duties under supervision. To the extent that this change results in increased penalties, this provision may result in a potential cost for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain from fines assessed. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$2,200<sup>1</sup> while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$700<sup>2</sup> each year.

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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

There have been 10 charges under the current law in the past 5 years with no fine penalty assessed.

***The Out Years***

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

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is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.