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AN ACT CONCERNING THE CORRECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE USE OF ISOLATED CONFINEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY FOR CONDITIONS OF INCARCERATION.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5503)

Senate Calendar No.: 387

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Governmental Accountability, Off.	GF - Cost	485,622	485,622
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	191,959	191,959

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands the correction ombuds program to include all inmates in Department of Correction (DOC) custody and relocates the program to the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA) resulting in a cost to the OGA. To meet the requirements of the bill the OGA will have to hire one ombudsman and six supporting staff resulting in a cost of \$677,581 in FY 23 and FY 24 (costs include salary, other expenses, and fringe benefits).

The current ombuds program is only for juvenile inmates (less than 55 inmates are under 18) and the bill expands this to the entire DOC

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

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population, which is 9,857 inmates as of 4/11/22.

The bill also establishes the Correction Advisory Committee and makes various procedural changes within correction facilities resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

Senate "A" makes various advisory committee and clarifying changes which result in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years

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

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