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sHB-6918

AN ACT CONCERNING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8050)

House Calendar No.: 416

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Attorney General	GF - Cost	45,000	46,125
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	19,269	19,751

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to the statutes concerning the erasure of criminal history records, most of which do not result in a fiscal impact to the state. However, there is a cost to the Office of the Attorney General as described below.

Section 4 results in costs to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) of \$45,000 in FY 24 and \$46,125 in FY 25, plus fringe benefits of \$19,269 in FY 24, and \$19,751 in FY 25, as it requires OAG to hire a part-time legal investigator to work with other entities to gather information about criminal history records.

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 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

This is a new enforcement action for the agency; OAG currently is not involved with criminal history records. Under the bill, the agency would have to substantiate that data was improperly disclosed by a company, and it is unclear if the agency is allowed to access records from the agency or provider to make this determination.

House "A" removes language from the underlying bill allowing individuals to have claims against the state or any state agency for compensation, therefore removing the potential cost to the Office of the State Comptroller - Adjudicated Claims Account in the underlying bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to any changes to employee wages and benefits.