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SB-5

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTIONS AGAINST AND
RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	442,000	524,000
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	13,175,000	20,000,000
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Cost	2,555,000	4,535,000
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	1,440,000	1,440,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill makes various changes to victim services including expanding the electronic monitoring program and providing funding for providers which results in the impacts described below.

Sections 1 expands the Judicial Department electronic monitoring program to each judicial district which results in an estimated cost of \$2.5 million in FY 24² and an estimated cost of \$4.5 million in FY 25³. The cost increases in FY 25 when the program is to be fully implemented. This program would need to be staffed by about 15 new positions and require equipment and operating expenses as well as contracted victim

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.

² Personal Services \$1,032,000, Other Expenses \$50,000, Equipment Cost \$23,000, Contracted Victim Services \$850,000, and \$600,000 GPS Monitoring

³ Personal Services \$1,224,000, Other Expenses \$61,000 Contracted Victim Services \$850,000, and \$2,400,000 GPS Monitoring

services costs. The cost to the State Comptroller for fringe benefits is estimated to be about \$442,000 in FY 24 and \$524,000 in FY 25.

Sections 4-5 appropriate funding in the amounts of \$13.175 million in FY 24 and of \$20 million in FY 25 for victim service providers through the Office of Victim Services (OVS) to offset reductions in federal funding.

Sections 6-8 appropriate funding in the amount of \$1,440,000 to the Department of Social Services in both FY 24 and FY 25 for domestic violence child and family advocates providing trauma informed care.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, the actual number of GPS monitoring clients, and available federal VOCA funding.