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AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFENDANT'S COMPETENCY TO
STAND TRIAL AND EARLY RELEASE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.; Correction, Dept.; Developmental Services, Dept.; Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in potential costs to the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Children and Families (DCF), Correction (DOC), and Developmental Services (DDS) associated with increasing, from 18- to 24-months, the maximum length of treatment of defendants for the purpose of rendering them competent to stand trial. The bill also allows for the independent evaluation of certain defendants prior to their release from DMHAS or DDS custody. These provisions may increase the lengths of stays of placements in various agency facilities, resulting in associated increased costs, which vary by state facility.

The bill also requires the court to docket matters when they are notified of a defendant's release from a treatment period, so that a notification can be issued through CT SAVIN. This is not anticipated to have a material impact on court operations.

The Out Years

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