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AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 25 \$ | FY 26 \$ |
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| Correction, Dept. | GF - Cost | 200,000 | 25,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to create and maintain a system for dyslexia screening resulting in an approximate cost of \$200,000 in FY 25 and \$25,000 in FY 26. To meet the requirements of the bill the DOC will have to hire a consultant, purchase screening materials, and train staff. Costs are higher in FY 25 because the entire inmate population will have to be screened in the first year¹, in FY 26 and beyond only new inmates will be screened.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified in FY 26 will continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹The DOC doesn't currently screen for dyslexia and as of 4/1/2024 there are 10,580 inmates in DOC custody.

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