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AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ELECTION
CRIMES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Judicial Dept.; Correction, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill imposes mandatory minimum imprisonment of twelve months for existing class E and class D felonies for certain election crimes, resulting in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800² each year for adults and \$1,000 each year for juveniles. Few violations are

¹Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

²Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

expected in the future.³

The Out Years

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

³Since FY 14, less than 20 offenses have been recorded for violations of CGS 9-359a and 0 were recorded for the other impacted violations. No revenue was collected for these violations.