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Minimal Fiscal Impact

The amendment, which lowers the age at which a person may be charged with enticing a juvenile to commit crimes from 23 to 21, results in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund 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.

The amendment also requires juvenile cases that are transferred to the regular criminal docket to be transferred to the court in the geographical area where the offense was committed and requires children who have committed a felony or a class A misdemeanor to be fingerprinted and photographed. These provisions are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or to municipalities.

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.

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