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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING THE LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION OF AIRPORTS AND OTHER AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 $	FY 28 $
CT Airport Authority	General Aviation Airports Enterprise Fund - Revenue Gain	Approximately 3,750	Approximately 5,000
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	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 results in revenue gain of approximately $3,750 in FY 27 and approximately $5,000 in FY 28 and annually thereafter to the Connecticut Airport Authority by making the following changes to aviation facility fees: (1) establishing a new $100 registration fee for the approximately 34 smaller facilities in the state, and (2) increasing the existing license fee from $150 to $300 for the approximately 67 larger

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facilities in the state.[1]

The bill also creates a new misdemeanor for operating a facility in violation of the bill's registration requirement, which results in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than $600[2] each year for adults and $450 each year for juveniles.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of aviation facilities registered or licensed in the state, the number of offenses.

[1] Both the registrations and licenses are effective for three years, and this estimate assumes that a roughly equal number of applications and renewals occur each year. The lower amount for FY 27 is due to the October 1, 2026, effective date.

[2] Probation 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.