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FISCAL NOTE (Form 1)  
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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5484  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS: House "A"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN DEBTS TO THE STATE"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Government Administration Elections

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5484

STATE IMPACT                    Minimal Cost, Can Be Absorbed,  
Potential Cost, Potential Revenue  
Gain, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT            None

STATE AGENCY(S)            Department of Administrative  
Services, State Comptroller, State  
Treasurer, Various State Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The bill, as amended, requires the Comptroller, on notification by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) that a contractor for goods or services owes a debt to the state, to withhold a payment due the contractor to the extent of his debt. The contractor receives notice from the Comptroller before the payment is withheld, and is entitled to a hearing by DAS.

The bill, as amended, would necessitate that the Comptroller establish and monitor an accounts receivable system and escrow accounts for the funds withheld pending due process and that DAS hold hearings.

The volume of such cases is unknown at this time. If the volume is low, the cost to DAS and the State Comptroller is anticipated to be minimal and could be absorbed within the agencies' existing resources. If the volume is high, it may result in additional cost to the agencies.

However, it is anticipated that any potential costs would be offset by the potential revenue gain from the increased debt collection.