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AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING IN THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 23 \$ | FY 24 \$ |
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| Consumer Protection, Dept. | GF - Cost | 1 million to 1.25 million | None |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to conduct a study concerning the effect of legalized gambling on citizens in the state and results in a cost to DCP of \$1 million to \$1.25 million in FY 23. The department doesn't have the staffing or expertise to conduct this study within existing resources and will have to hire an outside consultant.

The final cost will be dependent on the responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the contract between DCP and the vendor. The last casino study was completed by the Division of Special Revenue in 2008 and cost \$685,000 for consultant services.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future dependent on when the next study is conducted. The bill requires DCP to conduct this study as often as the Commissioner deems necessary but at least every 10 years.

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