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AN ACT CONCERNING PROSECUTORIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Governmental Accountability, Off.	GF - Cost	400,276	386,526
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	156,659	156,659
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Cost	52,981	70,642
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ²	GF - Cost	21,473	28,631
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Potential Cost	None	250,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes relating to the Criminal Justice Commission and prosecutors.

Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA)

The bill transfers the Criminal Justice Commission (the "commission") from within the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) into the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA), expands the duties

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of the commission to include a biennial performance report of each state's attorney, and adds the commission chairperson to the Governmental Accountability Commission. This is anticipated to result in costs to OGA and the Office of the State Comptroller as described below.

OGA does not have the staff necessary to fulfil new duties under the bill. Therefore, OGA is expected to require five staff and associated equipment which results in an estimated cost of \$556,936 in FY 23 and \$543,186 in FY 24. This estimate consists of an annualized cost of \$386,526 to OGA for salary and an annualized cost of \$156,659 to the Office of the State Comptroller for associated fringe benefits. This also includes a one-time cost of \$13,750 in FY 23 to OGA for equipment.

Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ)

The bill expands the training program that is required for all newly appointed prosecutors and makes the ongoing training required annually. Current law does not specify the frequency of the ongoing training. This change results in an annual cost of \$70,642 for a training program coordinator, plus \$28,631 for fringe benefits.

The bill allows DCJ the opportunity to respond to any discrepancies identified in the performance report. In the event discrepancies are found and DCJ needs additional staff and expertise to formulate a response, the bill results in a potential cost of \$250,000 annually to hire contracted staff.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.