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AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE CRIMINAL
LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

Reduces Cost In Bill

The amendment narrows the expansion of the victim notification system which reduces the cost in the underlying bill by \$556,000 to the Judicial Department (JUD) and \$220,000 to the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) in FY 24 and \$736,000 to JUD and \$301,000 to OSC in FY 25 by eliminating 12 positions.

Family violence cases represent an estimated 30% of criminal cases that are disposed of by the courts. Limiting notification requirements to only victims of domestic violence results in an estimated cost of \$279,000 in FY 24¹ and \$369,000 in FY 25² to JUD and \$110,000 in FY 24 and \$150,000 in FY 25 to OSC for fringe benefits. The FY 24 estimate represents a partial fiscal year for implementation on October 1, 2023. There would be a reduction in the need for intake assistant staff members from 18 to 6 positions, associated other expenses, and equipment costs in FY 24.

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¹ Personal Services \$257,000; Other Expenses \$13,000; Equipment Cost \$9,000

² Personal Services \$351,000; Other Expenses \$18,000

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consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

Sources: Connecticut Family Violence 2020 Arrest Report <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DESPP/CSP/Crimes-Analysis/2020/2020-Family-Violence-Arrest-Report.pdf>
Connecticut Judicial Branch Biennial Report & Statistics 2018-2020
https://www.jud.ct.gov/Publications/ES191_2020.pdf