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sHB-5448

AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY OF CERTAIN ELECTION WORKERS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	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 makes a variety of changes related to security of election workers and results in the fiscal impacts described below.

Section 1 expands protections from personal address disclosure to municipal town clerks, registrar of voters, and election officials from within a narrow timeframe around elections and results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

Section 2 expands an existing class C felony to include influencing or attempting to influence an election worker¹ and creates a new class A misdemeanor for publicly disclosing an election worker's personal information. This results in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain to the General Fund from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for

¹Since FY 14, there have not been any charges under CGS 9-364a.

the year is \$3,300² while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800³ each year for adults and \$1,000 each year for juveniles.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

²Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g., food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.). This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

³Probation 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.