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## AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5822)

House Calendar No.: 493

Senate Calendar No.: 303

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Judicial Dept.	CICF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: CICF=Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

#### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

### **Explanation**

The bill makes changes to victim compensation application requirements and changes to the statutes regarding dog bites, which results in a potential cost to the Criminal Injuries and Compensation Fund (CICF) and to municipalities as described below. The bill also makes various technical and clarifying changes that are not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

**Section 25** extends the timeframe from two to three years in which a victim may file an application for compensation and eliminates the requirement that the incident must be reported to police within five days, which results in a potential cost to CICF to the extent that more applications are filed and approved by the Office of Victim Services

(OVS).

**Section 29** makes various changes to statutes regarding dog bites that result in a potential cost to municipalities beginning in FY 25 associated with holding a prehearing meeting. The section requires animal control officers to hold a prehearing meeting that includes all parties involved in an animal biting or attack.

Senate "A" (1) makes various changes to animal control statutes, (2) makes the keeper and/or owner of a dog liable for damage in certain cases, (3) requires state agencies to share certain records with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (4) forbids the disclosure of names and addresses in certain cases in court, and (5) makes various technical and conforming changes. Senate "A" results in the impact described above.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of victim compensation applications and prehearing meetings.

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