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AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal
Judicial Dept. (Probation); Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the Citizen's Election Fund	CEF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund CEF= Citizens' Election Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes a variety of changes regarding campaign finance laws and results in the fiscal impacts outlined below.

Section 7 makes it an illegal campaign finance practice for certain campaign-related vendors to fail to provide a committee treasurer with certain documentation, which 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 the year is $3,300[1] while the average marginal cost for

[1] Inmate 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.

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supervision in the community is less than $600[2] each year for adults. Few, if any, additional violations are anticipated.

Section 9 results in a minimal potential cost to the Resources of the Citizens' Election Fund due to a change in eligibility for the grant cycle. The exact impact will depend on the number of candidates who will now receive grants who otherwise would not have.

The remaining sections of the bill make a variety of changes that result in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

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

[2] Probation 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.