

FISCAL NOTE

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Source of Expenditure Decrease:

The section of the proposed legislation which may have an impact is the amending of the criminal offense to allow for a lesser amount of time to be served if the conviction may result in a punishment of probation or incarceration. This possible decrease in the length of sentence creates a potential cost decrease. Each year of incarceration, per inmate, will cost the State approximately \$45,625, including medical costs. The cost for community supervision of an offender is approximately \$2,000 per year.

There are approximately 686 offenders currently on supervised misdemeanor probation under the existing statute.

Assumptions:

There are no current measures that would allow for an accurate prediction of the number of individuals sentenced pursuant to the proposed legislation.

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