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AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE
JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential Cost	up to \$1 million	up to \$2 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Judicial Department to initiate a re-entry success plan for juveniles under the custody of the Department of Correction (DOC) and the Judicial Department and requires that access to re-entry services be provided up to 24 months after a juvenile leaves custody.¹ This results in a potential cost of up to \$1 million in FY 25 and a potential cost of up to \$2 million annually thereafter.

It is expected that program costs may double in the second year, due to the possible length of time that a juvenile may receive services. The actual cost of re-entry programs depends on the number of juveniles in need of re-entry services, selection and development of re-entry services by the Judicial Department, and the length of time that re-entering juveniles continue to receive services. It is expected that the work for these programs will be done by private providers.

The bill also creates a gender responsiveness subcommittee. This is

¹In FY 23, it is estimated that less than 110 juveniles left a Judicial Department residential facility and/or a DOC facility.

not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or to municipalities as agencies have the expertise and resources to accomplish these requirements.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of juveniles completing re-entry and the Judicial Department's choices in initiation.