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SB-228

AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL RANDOM AUDITS OF
PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	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 requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to randomly audit three professional bondsmen annually for compliance with statutory commissions and fees, resulting in a potential cost to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue gain from fines, to the extent that additional violations are discovered. On average, marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800¹ each year. Currently, violations of this statute are subject to a fine of up to \$3,500. It is anticipated that DESPP can conduct these audits with existing resources.

¹Probation 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.

The Out Years

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