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Bill Number: S. 0263 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject: Voir Dire
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
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Fiscal Impact Summary

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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