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Fiscal Note

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S.195 – An act relating to how a defendant's criminal record is considered in imposing conditions of release

As recommended by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Draft 1.1

Bill Summary

his bill proposes to add the number of offenses with which a defendant is charged and the recent history of pending charges against a defendant as explicit factors a court considers in imposing conditions of release.

Fiscal Impact

This bill would expand the Electronic Monitoring Program and create the Pre-Trial Supervision Program. The Department of Corrections (DOC) estimates \$2,076,000 in costs relating to these programs. This bill does not include an appropriation for these costs.

Background and Details

The following sections have a fiscal impact.

Section 5

This section expands the Electronic Monitoring Program and creates the Pre-Trial Supervision Program. DOC estimates \$1,184,000 and \$892,000 respectively for the cost of these programs. The Pre-Trial Supervision Program established in this section shall operate only to the extent funds are appropriated for its operation.