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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 Judiciary, Draft 3.2

Bill Summary

This 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

In fiscal year 2025, this bill would create seven new permanent positions; an estimated ongoing General Fund cost of \$754,000. The Department of Corrections (DOC) also estimates an additional \$2,076,000 in costs relating to the Electronic Monitoring and Pre-Trial Supervision 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.

Section 11

This section creates six permanent classified Pre-Trial Supervisor positions at DOC. They would monitor and supervise persons placed in the Pre-Trial Supervision Program. The estimated cost for these positions is \$650,000.

This section would also create one new permanent classified Administrative Assistant position at DOC. The position would provide administrative support to the Pre-Trial Supervision Program. The estimated cost for this position is \$104,000.