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AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JURY
SELECTION TASK FORCE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	Less than \$250,000 annually	Less than \$250,000 annually

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases juror compensation rates and results in a cost of less than \$250,000 annually to the Judicial Department. The bill increases the reimbursement of part time and unemployed jurors from \$50/day to approximately \$96/day (amount is based on an 8 hour workday at the current minimum wage). In addition, the bill provides compensation for the first five days of jury service, removes payments to juror who serve more than five days and are paid by their employers, and adds additional allowable expenses to be compensated. In FY 20, 4,805 jurors were reimbursed for a total of \$236,935.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to increases in minimum wage.

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