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AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE. AMENDMENT

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See Fiscal Note Details

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment requires that certain individuals who violated conditions of probation or conditional discharge violations be subject to a hearing where they may face additional prison time or additional period of probation. This results in a potential cost for incarceration or probation. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$2,500¹ while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800² each year.

The amendment also changes the conditions for bail for individuals accused of a serious firearm offense and requires parolees to return to custody for firearm related offenses which results in a potential cost to

¹ Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

² Probation 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 Department of Correction for incarceration.

The amendment increases by one day the penalty for criminal possession of a firearm, ammunition, or an electronic defense weapon and adds offenses to the list not eligible for parole resulting in a potential cost to the DOC to the extent violations occur.

The amendment also requires the Judicial Department to establish a firearm related crime docket in Fairfield, New Haven, and Waterbury on or before December 31, 2023, which requires separate personnel and results in an estimated cost of \$260,000 to the Judicial Department and \$96,000 in fringe benefits for FY 24. The cost to the Judicial Department includes a partial year of salaries, related equipment, and other expenses.³ In FY 25, there is an estimated cost of \$483,000 to the Judicial Department and \$197,000 in fringe benefits for the first full fiscal year of implementation.⁴

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³ Personal Services \$167,000; Other Expenses \$8,000; Equipment \$25,000

⁴ Personal Services \$345,000; Other Expenses \$17,000