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SB-138

AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FEES FOR AN INDIGENT PERSON SEEKING A PARDON.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Municipal Police Departments	Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill results in a cost by requiring the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to waive and cover the cost of fees associated with background checks for indigent persons seeking a pardon. The fees that will be waived include:

1. the convenience fee for fingerprinting of up to \$30 charged by independent contractors,
2. any fee for electronically preregistering with the Connecticut criminal history request system (currently \$90.90), and
3. any other processing or distribution fees charged for a criminal history report.

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The bill allows but does not require DESPP to reimburse municipal police departments for any waived fees, resulting in a potential revenue loss to those departments.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fees waived.