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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**

**T**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**

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.