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Bill Number: S. 0866 Introduced on January 9, 2024

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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends the definition of "likely to engage in acts of sexual violence" and provides that no quantification of the likelihood that a sexually violent predator will engage in future acts of sexual violence is necessary in order for him to qualify for involuntary confinement in a secure facility for long-term control, care, and treatment.

The bill may result in an increase in the number of persons who are held for involuntary confinement at a mental health facility, prison, or a juvenile detention center. This bill may also result in an increase in the number of parolees under the supervision of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services after incarceration. The Department of Corrections stated that in FY 2022-23, the annual total cost per inmate was \$37,758, of which \$34,570 was state funded. If the potential increase in incarcerations is significant, the Department of Correction anticipates requesting an additional General Fund appropriation to manage the additional expense. The Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services anticipate being able to manage any increase in responsibilities due to this bill with existing staff and within existing appropriations. As a result, this bill will have no expenditure impact for these agencies.

The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Mental Health.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 9, 2024 State Expenditure

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Department of Corrections. This bill may result in an increase in the number of inmates housed by the Department of Corrections. However, no data are available to estimate the increase in the number of inmates that may be housed by Corrections. According to Corrections, in FY 2022-23, the annual total cost per inmate was \$37,758, of which \$34,570 was state funded. However, as the potential increase in incarcerations is unknown, any expenditure impact for Corrections is undetermined. Corrections indicates that if this bill results in a significant increase in the inmate population, the agency will request an increase in General Fund appropriations.

Department of Juvenile Justice. The bill may increase the number of persons housed in a juvenile detention center. However, the department anticipates being able to manage any increase in population within existing resources. As a result, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. This bill may also result in an increase in the number of parolees under the supervision of the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services after incarceration. However, the department anticipates being able to manage any increase in the number of parolees due to this bill within existing resources. As a result, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

Department of Mental Health. The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Mental Health.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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