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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0753 Prefiled on December 10, 2025
Subject: Coroner Qualifications
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Welsh
Impact Date: January 12, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

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Local Expenditure

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