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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **RECIDIVISM DEFINITION WORKING GROUP**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a working group in the Department of Public Safety to develop a common definition of recidivism to be used across all state entities. The bill increases state workload in FY 2024-25, and may increase state costs in FY 2025-26.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Recidivism Interim Study Committee.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates a working group in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to develop a common definition of recidivism to be used across all state entities that collect recidivism data, which the working group must identify. The DPS must facilitate the working group, which must develop its definition of recidivism by January 15, 2025. The definition must include minimum components identified in the bill. The working group must provide its definition of recidivism to all state entities by January 31, 2025, and cannot meet later than this date. Beginning July 1, 2025, all state entities identified by the working group must include the definition developed by the working group in any documents or reports with recidivism data.

Finally, the bill deletes a specific definition of recidivism used by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

State Expenditures

For FY 2024-25, the bill increases workload in the DPS to facilitate the working group and for the Judicial Department, the Department of Corrections, the Parole Board, the Department of Higher Education, and the DHS, who will have representatives serve on the working group. In FY 2025-26, after the common definition is developed, there will be a workload increase for agencies to incorporate the new definition in their data collection. No change in appropriations is anticipated at this time; however, additional resources may be necessary for certain agencies depending on how the common definition impacts current recidivism data collection efforts.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed, except for Section Two of the bill, which takes effect July 1, 2025.

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