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Fiscal Note

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| Drafting Number: | LLS 24-0467 | Date: | February 21, 2024 |
| Prime Sponsors: | Rep. Epps; Mabrey Sen. Rodriguez | Bill Status: | House Judiciary |
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Bill Topic: **ALIGNMENT OF PETTY PROPERTY CRIME THRESHOLD**

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| Summary of Fiscal Impact: | <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill aligns the threshold of when a court can impose a monetary bond for a comparable municipal petty property offense with the amount that would equate to a petty offense property crime under state law. In FY 2024-25 only, the bill increases state workload. It may decrease local government costs on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a court cannot impose a monetary condition of bond for a traffic offense, petty offense, or a comparable municipal offense. However, a monetary condition of bond can be required if the comparable municipal offense is a property crime that would be a petty offense under state law and the loss is more than \$50. This bill aligns the property loss amount with the amount that would equate to a petty offense property crime under state law, which is \$300.

State Expenditures

In FY 2024-25 only, workload to the trial courts will increase to update bond schedules. This work can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

To the extent that more individuals are released on bond instead of being held in jail, costs to jails will decrease. The fiscal note assumes that the number of individuals being kept in jail for comparable municipal offenses of petty offense property crimes between \$50 and \$300 is minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

District Attorneys

Judicial

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).