

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-5308

AN ACT CONCERNING POST-CONVICTION DNA TESTING.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Criminal Justice, Div.	GF - Potential Cost	73,456	96,775
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Potential Cost	28,749	37,972

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill may result in additional petitions for DNA testing<sup>2</sup> which may result in a potential cost to the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for fringe benefits.

To the extent that this change results in an increase in petitions and associated hearings great enough to necessitate an additional Deputy Assistant State's Attorney position in DCJ, the agency will incur a cost of \$73,456 in FY 27 and \$96,775 in FY 28,<sup>3</sup> and there will be a cost of \$28,749 in FY 27 and \$37,972 in FY 28 for associated fringe benefits.

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

<sup>2</sup> Under current law, these types of petitions are only available for those that are currently incarcerated. This bill will extend eligibility to those who are otherwise subjected to the jurisdiction of probation, parole, or correction.

<sup>3</sup> FY 27's estimate is adjusted for partial year salary costs and for a one-time equipment purchase of about \$2,000. The annual salary for a Deputy Assistant State's Attorney is \$93,275. FY 28 includes an annual cost for other expenses of \$1,500.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the actual increase in petitions.