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Provides for electronic monitoring. (8/1/25)

Subject: Electronic Monitoring

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<u>Current law</u> provides for notification standards for electronic monitoring services to bail agents and courts relative to violations and reporting; provides for fines assessed and imprisonment terms for electronic monitoring providers in violation. <u>Proposed law</u> adds the prosecuting authority and law enforcement as parties to be notified by electronic monitoring services of specific information immediately, but in no event no longer than within 30 minutes of verification of notice of a violation, along with a monthly report (by the 10th day of each month) of the previous month's monitoring activity; changes penalties for violation of <u>current law</u> to \$1,000 per day (not to exceed \$10,000 per instance or individual monitored) or imprisonment not to exceed six months; provides that upon a finding of noncompliance, the court may issue a warrant for the arrest of a person being monitored; assesses no more than a \$500 fine, or no more than six months imprisonment, or both, for those on monitoring who enter or fail to immediately exit an exclusion zone or violate a curfew order, and a fine of no more than \$1,000, and one year of imprisonment at hard labor, for those who commit a felony or a felony crime of violence while monitored; provides for a court waiver of monitoring costs in juvenile or any other matters at the request of the entity responsible; after a third noncompliance, terminates participation in monitoring and orders those monitored to state custody or pre-trial facilities.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase of \$91,084 in SGF expenditures in FY 26 in the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), to the extent that OJJ becomes responsible for collection of electronic monitoring costs from juveniles or their financially responsible party. The <u>proposed law</u> provides that a court may waive costs of monitoring in a juvenile matter, or in any other matter, at the request of the entity responsible for costs. To the extent that collection for electronic monitoring costs would be be assumed by OJJ in juvenile matters where the court does not waive costs (at the request of the entity responsible for costs), there may be an increased workload to probation and parole officers assigned to the agency. Additionally, OJJ would incur costs to include electronic monitoring fees to the Accounting area of the Juvenile Electronic Tracking System (JETS) for development, testing, and implementation. To the extent that the financial services section within OJJ becomes responsible for the cost of electronic monitoring and possible garnishments for unpaid invoices, the agency would also be required to secure an Accounting Technician and incur expenditures for overtime for an Accountant 4 to complete a quarterly accounts receivable report. The related expenditures are as follows:

	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30
Personal Services					
Salary (Accounting Tech)	\$ 51,938	\$53,496	\$ 55,101	\$56,754	\$ 58,457
Accountant 4 Overtime	\$ 4,220	\$ 4,220	\$ 4,220	\$ 4,220	\$ 4,220
Related Benefits	\$ 32,086	\$ 32,651	\$ 33,231	\$33,829	\$ 34,446
Total Personal Services	\$ 88,244	\$ 90,367	\$ 92,552	\$94,803	\$ 97,123
Operating Services					
Hardware/Software Maint.	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Total Operating Services	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Interagency Transfers					
Telephones	\$ 336	\$ 336	\$ 336	\$ 336	\$ 336
OTS Billing	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,422	\$ 1,422	\$ 1,422	\$ 1,422
Total IAT	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,758
Total Expenditures	\$ 91,084	\$ 92,725	\$94,910	\$ 97,161	\$ 99,481

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of committing a felony, a felony crime of violence, entering or failing to immediately exit an exclusion zone, or violating a curfew order while under electronic monitoring supervision. The exact fiscal impact on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines imposed on those convicted are, in some cases, optional, and the amount of the fines imposed may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority. [CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO]

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13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer



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Note: The Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) currently contracts with a third-party provider for electronic monitoring of approximately 180 juveniles via ankle monitors and wristband-style monitors. OJJ currently spends between \$400,000 and \$500,000 annually for those monitoring services, without collecting fees from juveniles for the cost of monitoring. The proposed law would allow courts to waive costs for electronic monitoring services from OJJ to juveniles currently being monitored by OJJ, and OJJ would be responsible for collecting fees for electronic monitoring from those parties responsible for the juveniles being monitored. It is unclear the proposed law's impact on any existing contractual agreement that OJJ has with third-party providers that provide electronic monitoring services. OJJ may still be responsible for costs related to those instances where fees associated with electronic monitoring are waived.

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services, to the extent that persons are convicted of committing a felony or a felony crime of violence while under electronic monitoring supervision. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation is indeterminable, since it creates a crime, and it is not known how many people will be convicted nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. <u>Proposed law</u> (committing a a felony or felony crime of violence while under electronic monitoring services) is a felony.

For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of entering or failing to immediately exit an exclusion zone or violating a curfew order while on electronic monitoring supervision. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, because it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. <u>Proposed law</u> (entering or failing to immediately exit an exclusion zone or violating a curfew order while under electronic monitoring supervision) is a misdemeanor. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than six months.

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, to the extent that those persons arrested pursuant to a warrant issued for noncompliance with electronic monitoring restrictions are returned to the custody of the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services. <u>Proposed law</u> has the effect of returning to custody those arrested pursuant to a warrant for noncompliance with electronic monitoring restrictions until a hearing is conducted to determine if the person will comply with all electronic monitoring restrictions and orders courts to terminate a person's participation in electronic monitoring after his third noncompliance hearing. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of those persons currently under Probation and Parole Supervision and subject to electronic monitoring that would be subject to hearings and subsequent return to the custody of Corrections for noncompliance with the proposed law.

To the extent that those persons on electronic monitoring are returned to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) after a third finding of noncompliance with electronic monitoring restrictions, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those returned to the custody of a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those returned to the custody of local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities. Conversely, for each person returned to the custody of the DPS&C-CS, the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Probation and Parole will sustain a reduction in expenditures of \$6.16 per day per offender.

Note: There are currently 535 persons currently under Probation or Parole supervision who are subject to electronic monitoring. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections contracts with a third-party provider for electronic monitoring of 535 persons currently under the supervision of Probation and Parole. DPS&C-Probation and Parole reports an annual average of \$269,969 in expenditures over the past four years related to electronic monitoring of persons under the supervision of probation and parole (with year-to-date expenditures in FY 25 of \$168,455).

Local Sheriffs

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures to Sheriffs, to the extent that those persons released on bail, with electronic monitoring as a condition of bail, are returned to the custody of local Sheriffs for noncompliance with electronic monitoring restrictions. The exact fiscal impact to Sheriffs is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of persons who will be released on bail subject to electronic monitoring restrictions and returned to the custody of local Sheriffs for noncompliance with those restrictions.

Local Governments

<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures to local governing authorities, to the extent that juveniles are returned to the custody of the appropriate pre-trial facility after a third finding of noncompliance with electronic monitoring restrictions. The exact fiscal impact to local governing authorities is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of juveniles that will be returned to pre-trial facilities after a third finding of noncompliance with electronic monitoring restrictions.

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<u>Proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of electronic monitoring services providers who intentionally withhold or intentionally fail to timely report electronic monitoring information. The exact fiscal impact on local revenue is indeterminable because while the fine imposed for violation of <u>proposed law</u> increases from no more than \$1,000 to no more than \$1,000 per day for each violation (not to exceed \$10,000 per instance or individual monitored), it is unknown the number and duration of violations that would result in daily fines imposed. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Additionally, the <u>proposed law</u> may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR to the Office of Juvenile Justice, to the extent that juveniles assume responsibility for payments of electronic monitoring. The exact fiscal impact to SGR is indeterminable, as it is unclear as to the number of instances where fees associated with electronic monitoring would be waived under the <u>proposed law</u>, or its impact on any existing contractual agreement that OJJ has with third-party providers that provide electronic monitoring services.

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