There may be a decrease in SGF expenditures for the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C), as well as local expenditures, to the extent a person is convicted of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, when the value was less than $1,000. A conviction under the proposed law is a misdemeanor with a penalty of imprisonment for not more than 6 months. To the extent the proposed legislation results in an average time served less than under current law, there will be an indeterminable savings to both DPS&C and local jails. The decrease in expenditures depends on the number of persons convicted, the minimum sentence an offender serves, and the cost per day for a local law enforcement agency to incarcerate an offender.

There will be no change in the expenditures for the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C) to the extent a person is convicted of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, where the value is greater than $1,000, and sentenced to hard labor for up to 2 years. This penalty remains unchanged from current law.

For illustrative purposes, DPS&C currently has 450 offenders in custody for the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. In 2021, there were 250 people convicted of this crime with an average sentence length of 2 years and there were 569 released with an average time served of 12 years.