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<b>Subject:</b> Animal Abuse and Neglect Registry		

CRIME/FELONIES OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Creates a statewide registry for individuals convicted of certain felony offenses involving animals

Proposed law creates the Animal Abuse and Neglect Registry; requires registration of any person residing in the state who has been convicted of the commission or conspiracy to commit or pled guilty or nolo contendere to the commission or conspiracy to commit a delineated list of crimes; requires the court to provide written notification to the offender of his obligation to register upon release, or as a condition of probation or parole; requires registration with the appropriate law enforcement agency and provides for the information required for registration; provides that those convicted of failing to register shall be imprisoned for no more than one year, with or without hard labor, or fined no more than \$1,000; provides that law enforcement agencies shall electronically forward the offender's information to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information; provides that offender registration and notification requirements are mandatory and shall not be waived, with an exception; provides that the Bureau of Identification and information shall develop and maintain the registry, provide public access to information it contains (including internet-based access, with field-search capabilities and exemptions for particular information), provide automatic e-mail notifications on when an offender begins residence, employment, or school attendance within a certain geographic radius, receive information on out-of-state persons convicted of similar offenses who establish residence in the state, promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the APA, and provide a social networking website with the capability of comparing its database of registered users to the list of e-mail addresses, instant message addresses, and other identifiers of persons in the registry; provides for timelines on registration and exceptions.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	

**Annual Total**

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an increase of \$1.4 M in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - State Police (Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information) and an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS).

**Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Public Safety (Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information)**

Proposed law will result in an increase of \$1.4 M in SGF expenditures in the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information for the development of the Animal Abuse and Neglect Registry, securing four new T.O. positions (Criminal Records Supervisor, and three Criminal Records Analysts) to input, track, and report data, professional services (an attorney) to develop written policies and procedures for rules governing mandatory requirements, and interagency transfers for OTS vendor procurement and recurring maintenance for the registry. The projected expenditures are as follows:

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Personal Services					
Salaries	\$282,726	\$283,327	\$290,445	\$297,777	\$ 305,329
Related Benefits	\$133,385	\$135,016	\$137,479	\$140,016	\$ 142,629
<i>SubTotal</i>	\$416,111	\$418,343	\$427,924	\$437,793	\$ 447,958
Operating Services	\$ 53,300	\$ 53,300	\$ 53,300	\$ 53,300	\$ 53,300
Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Professional Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$ 150,000
Interagency Transfers	\$657,966	\$357,966	\$357,966	\$357,966	\$ 357,966
Acquisitions	\$126,818	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Travel	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,410,195</b>	<b>\$982,609</b>	<b>\$992,190</b>	<b>\$1,002,059</b>	<b>\$1,012,224</b>


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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local revenues, to the extent that offenders are convicted of failing to register with local law enforcement after conviction for a crime involving animal abuse. The exact fiscal impact of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable, as fines imposed are optional, and the amount of fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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**Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that an offender fails to register with local law enforcement after conviction for a crime involving animal abuse. Proposed law is a relative felony, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either a misdemeanor or felony-grade conviction for its violation. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many people will be convicted or the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term for failing to register with local law enforcement after conviction for a crime involving animal abuse is no more than one year.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. 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 \$29.39 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.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since 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.

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