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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1123 by Muñoz, Jr. (Relating to sheriff's department civil service systems in certain counties; creating criminal offenses.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to modify the sheriff's department civil service systems in certain counties and create criminal offenses for the violation of certain provisions under the bill.

The bill would specify procedures for various employment-related promotions, disciplinary actions, and appeals under the civil service systems, including granting a sheriff's employee the right to appeal a final disciplinary decision by the commission to a district court or an independent hearing examiner.

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), no significant fiscal impact to the State court system is anticipated.

This analysis assumes implementing the provisions of the bill addressing sanctions for criminal offenses would not result in a significant impact on state correctional agencies.

Local Government Impact

One offense under the provisions of the bill would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$1,000, confinement in the county jail for not more than 30 days, or both fine and confinement. Another would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000, confinement in the county jail for not more than one year, or both fine and confinement. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

According to OCA, no significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated. No significant fiscal impact to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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