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# Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Cutrona

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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The bill does not have a direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. The bill adds certain animal-related offenses to the list of disqualifying offenses when conducting a criminal records check for prospective foster caregivers, prospective adoptive parents, and other individuals who will be responsible for or reside in the same household as children. Individuals seeking to become foster caregivers, adoptive parents, or others who are responsible for children are already required to undergo a criminal records check. The Department of Children and Youth is prohibited from issuing a certificate authorizing a prospective foster caregiver to operate a foster home and a probate court from issuing a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory order of adoption making a person an adoptive parent if individuals applying previously have been convicted of or pleaded guilty to certain offenses. As mentioned above, the bill adds to the list of disqualifying offenses. Thus, there should be no fiscal impact.