153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Hoffner**
DESCRIPTION:	**DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STORAGE OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE.**

Assumptions:

1. This Joint Resolution becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Joint Resolution directs the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS) to conduct a study of the feasibility of the State preserving biological evidence for any crime that remains unsolved, or the period of time that a person convicted of the crime remains in custody. DSHS is required to submit a report detailing its findings no later than November 2, 2026.

3. According to DSHS, implementation of this Joint Resolution will result in one-time expenditures associated with conducting the required study and preparing the final report. Anticipated costs include research activities, travel expenses, and development of recommendations. Pursuant to the provisions of this Joint Resolution, the total cost of the study and report may not exceed $15,000.

Cost:

	One-Time
Fiscal Year 2027:	Up to $15,000
Fiscal Year 2028:	None
Fiscal Year 2029:	None

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