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Resource Requirements to Enhance the Investigation and Prosecution of Repeat Offenders

The critical issue for the State of Connecticut today is not so much to enhance the maximum statutory penalties as it is to enhance the ability of the state to investigate and prosecute repeat offenders so that the offenders who pose a threat to others are identified and prosecuted appropriately. This will require additional resources for the Division to improve its ability to specifically assign cases to trained and experienced prosecutors to be involved in pre-arrest and post-arrest investigations of serious offenders and to prepare cases prior to trial and prior to pretrial conferences. Cases involving serious repeat offenders must be given more attention early in the process in order to assure that the evidence is developed properly to ensure that defendants are appropriately convicted of the appropriate charges and that the courts are fully informed so as to enable the fashioning of sentences that will protect the public.

The Division believes the provision of additional resources **in addition** to those recommended in the Appropriations Committee Joint Favorable Report of March 26, 2008, is essential to the effective prosecution of serious repeat offenders. The Division has identified the need for twenty-six additional positions at a total cost, with fringe benefits, other expenses and equipment, of approximately \$3,353,956 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. These positions include fourteen additional prosecutors, eight additional Inspectors, one Director of Organizational Development (new job classification), one Director of Training (new job classification) and two additional Visual Media Designers. These recommendations represent a re-examination undertaken by the Division and are updated from information provided at the request of the Appropriations subcommittee with regard to the implementation of Public Act 08-1, January Special Session.

These requested resources would allow the Division of Criminal Justice to place additional emphasis on the pretrial investigation of cases involving serious habitual offenders to better identify those who should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Such investigations would not only involve the collection of evidence to support a conviction on the criminal charges, but also additional background investigation of a defendant to determine the likelihood of re-offending and the danger the individual poses to public safety.

The Division also must reiterate that any such appropriation be **in addition** to all amounts included in the fiscal 2009 budget as reported by the Appropriations Committee on March 26, 2008. To do otherwise would simply shift the problems now apparent in one area of the criminal justice system to another, creating the potential for an equally serious threat to the public safety.

**ESTIMATED DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESOURCES TO ENHANCE PROSECUTION OF REPEAT OFFENDERS
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008**

SALARIES:

14 PROSECUTORS' SALARY @67,601	946,414
8 INSPECTORS' SALARY @62,938	503,504
1 DIRECTOR OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT@104,000	104,000
1 DIRECTOR OF TRAINING @128,000	128,000
2 VISUAL MEDIA DESIGNERS @54,900	109,800

26 NEW POSITIONS	SUBTOT SALARIES	1,791,718
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FRINGE BENEFITS @.6028	SUBTOT FRINGE	1,080,048
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OTHER EXPENSES:

OTHER EXPENSES FOR PROSECUTORS @.06	56,785
OTHER EXPENSES FOR INSPECTORS @.09	45,315
OTHER EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATORS @.05	17,090
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EQUIPMENT:

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT @1,000	26,000
VEHICLES FOR INSPECTORS @17,500	140,000
MOBILE RADIOS FOR INSPECTORS @4,000	32,000

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TRAINING @1,000/POSITION	SUBTOT TRAINING	26,000
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EXPERT WITNESS FEES	SUBTOT EXPERT FEES	85,000
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ESTIMATED TOTAL		3,353,956
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