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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ADDITIONAL STATE FIRE SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-323p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Office of State Fire Administration shall maintain and
4 operate [a] two state fire [school] schools which shall serve as the
5 training and education arm of the Commission on Fire Prevention and
6 Control. The use of any hazardous material, as defined in section 29-
7 307a, except a virgin fuel, is prohibited in the simulation of any fire.
8 The office shall fix fees for training and education programs and
9 sessions and for such other purposes deemed necessary for the
10 operation and support of the [school] schools, subject to the approval
11 of the commission. Such fees shall be used solely for training and
12 education purposes.

13 (b) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school

14 training and education extension account, which shall be a separate
15 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
16 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The account
17 may be used for the operation of such training and education
18 extension programs and sessions as the Office of State Fire
19 Administration may establish, for the purchase of such equipment as is
20 required for use in the operation of such programs and sessions, and
21 for (1) reimbursement to municipalities and municipal fire
22 departments for one-half of the costs of Firefighter I certification and
23 recruit training of municipal volunteer and paid fire service personnel,
24 and (2) reimbursement to state agencies for one-half of the costs of
25 Firefighter I certification and recruit training of state agency fire
26 service personnel. All proceeds derived from the operation of the
27 training and education extension programs and sessions shall be
28 deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a
29 part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses incurred in the
30 conduct of the training, certification and education programs and
31 sessions shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal
32 of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of
33 interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such
34 operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State
35 Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
36 in the account to be used for its training and education programs and
37 sessions, and for the acquisition, as provided by section 4b-21,
38 alteration and repairs of real property for educational facilities, except
39 such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time to
40 any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest on
41 bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to educational
42 facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall require the
43 approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects
44 costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval of the
45 General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of
46 the Finance Advisory Committee.

47 (c) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school
48 auxiliary services account, which shall be a separate account within the

49 General Fund. The account shall be used for the operation,
 50 maintenance and repair of auxiliary service facilities and for such other
 51 auxiliary activities of the state fire [school] schools as the Office of State
 52 Fire Administration determines. The proceeds of such activities shall
 53 be deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become
 54 a part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses of operation,
 55 maintenance and repair of facilities, food services and other auxiliary
 56 activities shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal
 57 of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of
 58 interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such
 59 operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State
 60 Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain
 61 in the account to be used for the improvement and extension of such
 62 activities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from
 63 time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of
 64 interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to
 65 auxiliary service facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall
 66 require the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital
 67 projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval
 68 of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in
 69 session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. The commission, with the
 70 approval of the Finance Advisory Committee, may borrow from the
 71 resources of the General Fund at any time such sum or sums as it
 72 deems advisable, to establish or continue auxiliary services activities,
 73 such sums to be repaid in accordance with such schedule as the
 74 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall establish.

75 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) One of the state fire schools established
 76 in accordance with section 7-323p of the general statutes, as amended
 77 by this act, shall be located at the fire training facility located at
 78 Plumtrees Road in the city of Danbury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	7-323p

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
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PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Fire Prevention & Control, Com.	GF - Cost	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Danbury	Uncertain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of State Fire Administration to maintain and operate a Danbury fire training facility in addition to the current Windsor Locks facility. It also provides the Danbury facility access to the Fire School Auxiliary Services account within the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. The fiscal impact of this bill is uncertain.

The City of Danbury currently maintains and operates the fire training facility specified in the bill at an annual cost of approximately \$55,000 (consisting of \$40,000 for the city's career training budget, \$10,000 for volunteer training, and \$5,000 for maintenance). If the facility is maintained and operated by the state consistent with this level, it would result in a cost of \$55,000 to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC). It is also possible, however, that the existing state fire training facility in Windsor Locks would reallocate current resources to the Danbury facility, resulting in a minimal cost to the state.

Affording the Danbury fire training facility access to the Fire School Auxiliary Services account could result in a reduction of funds available for services funded through that account, including the

maintenance, operation, and repair of the auxiliary service facilities of the CFPC. The account began the current fiscal year with a balance of \$142,283.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact is uncertain.

Source(s): City of Danbury Fire Department

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5570

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SUMMARY:

This bill increases, from one to two, the number of state fire schools that the Office of State Fire Administration must maintain. It requires one of the schools to be located at the fire training facility at Plumtrees Road in Danbury. The current state fire school is located in Windsor Locks.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/05/2009)