



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Resolution No. 23

Senate, May 20, 2009

The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the Senate Committee makes no recommendation and the resolution is favorably reported pursuant to Joint Rule 31.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT EMPLOYEES UNION INDEPENDENT, NP-2 BARGAINING UNIT.

Resolved by the Senate:

- 1 That the arbitration award between the State of Connecticut and the
- 2 Connecticut Employees Union Independent, NP-2 Bargaining Unit,
- 3 concerning CDL medical cards, issued by the arbitrator on April 16,
- 4 2009, filed by the bargaining representative of the employer on April
- 5 27, 2009, and submitted to this assembly for approval, as provided in
- 6 subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, is approved.

APP *Reported pursuant to Joint Rule 31*

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 \$
Department of Transportation	TF - Cost	110,931	109,500

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This arbitration award for the Maintenance and Service (NP-2) employees is submitted for approval. This award requires that NP-2 employees who hold Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs) meet the mandatory physical qualifications for drivers, imposed by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 391.41. Employees must obtain a physical examination, and based on those results, may receive a Medical Examiner's Certificate (medical card), which is required as part of the CDL renewal process.

The award also requires the state to reimburse eight employees for their out of pocket expenses for physical examinations taken to qualify for a CDL medical card. The cost of reimbursing these employees is \$1,431.

In addition, all employees will be given three hours of paid leave to take a CDL medical card physical examination during each renewal period (every two years). The cost for this leave time, paid at straight time, will be \$219,000 biannually. It is anticipated that most of this cost will be lost productivity. However, some of the lost time may require replacement at an overtime rate.

Neither the Governor's Recommended Biennial Budget for 2009-2011, nor sHB 6365, the budget bill, as favorably reported by the

Appropriations Committee, specifically provides FY 10 or FY 11 funding for this award.

OFA Bill Analysis**SR 23**

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SUMMARY:

A separate analysis is not prepared since the fiscal note contains much of the same information that would go into a separate analysis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Pursuant to Joint Rule 31