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Substitute Senate Bill No. 453

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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REMITTANCE OF REVENUE FROM CERTAIN TRAFFIC FINES TO MUNICIPALITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 51-56a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Each clerk of the Supreme Court and Superior Court shall
4 account for and pay or deposit all fees, fines, forfeitures and
5 contributions made to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund and
6 the proceeds of judgments of such clerk's office in the manner
7 provided by section 4-32. If any such clerk fails to so account and pay
8 or deposit, such failure shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Chief
9 Court Administrator who may thereupon remove the clerk. When any
10 such clerk dies before so accounting and paying or depositing, the
11 Treasurer shall require the executor of such clerk's will or
12 administrator of such clerk's estate to so account. If any such clerk is
13 removed from office, the Treasurer shall require such clerk to account

14 for any money of the state remaining in such clerk's hands at the time
15 of such removal and, if such clerk neglects to so account, the Treasurer
16 shall certify the neglect to the Chief Court Administrator.

17 (b) (1) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the
18 violations occurred all amounts received in respect to the violation of
19 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, sections 14-251, 14-
20 252, 14-253a and 14-305 to 14-308, inclusive, or any regulation adopted
21 thereunder or ordinance enacted in accordance therewith, and (2) in
22 the case of the five municipalities in the state with the largest
23 population based on the most recent federal decennial census, the state
24 shall remit to the municipality in which the violations occurred, fifty
25 per cent of the fine amounts received in respect to the violation of
26 section 14-250b, or any ordinance enacted in accordance therewith.

27 Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or
28 any other official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court
29 Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April,
30 July and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount
31 due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each
32 municipality served by the office of the clerk or official, provided prior
33 to the institution of court proceedings, a city, town or borough shall
34 have the authority to collect and retain all proceeds from parking
35 violations committed within the jurisdiction of such city, town or
36 borough.

37 (c) For the purpose of providing additional funds for municipal and
38 state police training, each person who pays in any sum as (1) a fine or
39 forfeiture for any violation of section 14-12, 14-215, 14-219, 14-222, 14-
40 224, 14-225, 14-227a, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269 or 14-283, or (2) a fine or
41 forfeiture for any infraction, shall pay an additional fee of one dollar
42 for each eight dollars or fraction thereof of the amount such person is
43 required to pay, except if such payment is made for violation of such a
44 section which is deemed to be an infraction, such additional fee shall
45 be only on the first eighty-eight dollars of such fine or forfeiture. Such
46 additional fee charged shall be deposited in the General Fund.

47 (d) Each person who pays in any sum as a fine or forfeiture for any
 48 violation of sections 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222, 14-223, 14-227a, sections
 49 14-230 to 14-240, inclusive, sections 14-241 to 14-249, inclusive, section
 50 14-279 for the first offense, sections 14-289b, 14-299, 14-301 to 14-303,
 51 inclusive, or any regulation adopted under said sections or ordinance
 52 enacted in accordance with said sections shall pay an additional fee of
 53 fifteen dollars. The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the
 54 violations occurred the amounts paid under this subsection. Each clerk
 55 of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other
 56 official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court
 57 Administrator, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April, July
 58 and October in each year, shall certify to the Comptroller the amount
 59 due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each
 60 municipality served by the office of the clerk or official.

61 (e) The state shall remit to the municipalities in which the violation
 62 occurred all fine amounts received in respect to the violation of section
 63 14-279 after crediting twelve per cent of such fine amounts to the
 64 Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 and
 65 crediting eight per cent of such fine amounts to the General Fund. Each
 66 clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any
 67 other official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court
 68 Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April,
 69 July and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount
 70 due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each
 71 municipality served by the office of the clerk or official.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	51-56a

FIN Joint Favorable Subst.

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 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Bridgeport; Hartford; New Haven; Stamford; Waterbury	Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue loss to the General Fund and a revenue gain to the specified municipalities by designating that 50% of the fines collected in the specified towns go to those towns. In FY 15, "blocking the box" resulted in total state wide fine revenue of approximately \$14,000.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The law requires the state to remit fines imposed for certain traffic violations, such as parking violations, to the municipality in which the violation occurred. For select municipalities, this bill additionally requires the state to remit 50% of the fines imposed for blocking a designated intersection (i.e., “blocking the box”) to the municipality in which the violation occurred. It applies to the five most populous municipalities based on the most recent federal decennial census (i.e., Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, and Waterbury).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 50 Nay 0 (03/31/2016)