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Substitute Senate Bill No. 447

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The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. HARTLEY, J. of the 15th Dist. and SEN. FRANTZ, L. of the 36th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING TO EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 29-11 of the 2018 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

4 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
5 shall charge the following fees for the service indicated: (1) Name
6 search, thirty-six dollars; (2) fingerprint search, seventy-five dollars; (3)
7 personal record search, seventy-five dollars; (4) letters of good conduct
8 search, seventy-five dollars; (5) bar association search, seventy-five
9 dollars; (6) fingerprinting, fifteen dollars; (7) criminal history record
10 information search, seventy-five dollars. Except as provided in
11 subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of this subsection shall not
12 apply to any federal, state or municipal agency. The commissioner
13 shall retain three hundred thousand dollars each fiscal year from the

14 fees collected pursuant to this subsection to be used for the
 15 administrative costs associated with expediting the completion of any
 16 record checks required under section 14-44 for persons who have
 17 applied for a public passenger endorsement to operate a school bus.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	29-11(c)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, the words "subsection (e) of" were deleted for accuracy.

CE *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 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	300,000	300,000
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	300,000	300,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires that \$300,000 in revenue from fees associated with background checks for school bus drivers be retained by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to expedite the administrative backlog related to processing fingerprints and records checks. This will result in a revenue gain to DESPP and a corresponding revenue loss to the resources of the general fund.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 447****AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING TO EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the emergency services and public protection commissioner to annually retain \$300,000 of records search and fingerprinting fees to cover the administrative costs of expediting records checks required for school bus ("S") license endorsement applicants.

By law, an S endorsement applicant must submit to a fingerprint-based FBI criminal record check and State Police Bureau of Identification criminal record check in order to verify that he or she does not have any felonies or other disqualifying crimes or violations (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 14-44-5).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sHB 5390, favorably reported by the Transportation Committee, allows school bus carriers to conditionally allow a person to drive a school bus, on a temporary basis, before such person is issued an S endorsement.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 1 (03/22/2018)