AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

The amendment strikes section one of the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact.

The amendment makes conforming statutory changes to Executive Order No. 63, which designated the Whiting Forensic Division of Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) as a separate entity from CVH, effective 12/31/2017. DMHAS will experience a cost to support necessary staff at the new Whiting Forensic Hospital as well as CVH to ensure the institutions are separate and distinct entities and are able to (1) maintain federal certification and related federal reimbursement at Connecticut Valley Hospital, (2) obtain Joint Commission accreditation, and (3) work towards Department of Public Health (DPH) licensure of Whiting Forensic Hospital. Based on an initial evaluation, the anticipated cost to support thirty employees (including Behavioral Health Clinical Managers, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and pharmacy staff) is approximately $1 million in FY 19 and $3.1 million in FY 20 when fully annualized (with associated fringe costs of $363,300 in FY 19 and $1.1 million in FY 20). DMHAS may experience a reduction in overtime expenditures associated with hiring additional full-time employees.

The amendment also establishes a task force and requires DPH to
conduct an on-site inspection and review of records at Whiting Forensic Hospital, which has no fiscal impact as the agencies involved have the ability to meet the provisions of the amendment.

The amendment makes other changes that have no fiscal impact as they are conforming and technical in nature.

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