Bill No.: SB-1114
AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO A MUNICIPALITY THAT PROVIDES AMBULANCE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill ensures that the Department of Correction provides adequate payment to a municipality for ambulance services that are provided by the municipality on behalf of a correctional facility.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:
The substitute language adds that "the revision to such payment methodology shall ensure that" if such person is not covered by a health insurance policy, the department shall reimburse the municipality for ambulance services at the same rate that department is contractually obligated to pay to nonmunicipal providers of ambulance services.

RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC (SUPPORT):
Mike Muszynski, Advocacy Manager of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities:
The cost incurred for ambulance services either in providing medical treatment and/or transportation of an individual within DOC oversight can be reasonably large. For local municipalities operating their own ambulance services, they are often not reimbursed the same rate as they would if they were a contracted for-profit company. This bill would help ensure parity between for-profit and municipally operated ambulance services.

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