OLR Bill Analysis
SB 789

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS FOR TRAINING COSTS.

SUMMARY

By law, any law enforcement unit that hires a police officer from another law enforcement unit within two years after the officer receives a Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) certification, must reimburse the initial hiring unit for 50% of the total cost of certification.

This bill prohibits a law enforcement unit from requiring a police officer to pay any portion of such reimbursement costs, unless the officer and the law enforcement unit agreed to the requirement before July 1, 2019. Under the bill, collective bargaining agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2019, are prohibited from requiring police officers to pay any portion of the reimbursement cost.

By law, cost of certification means the cost of training, equipment, uniforms, salary and fringe benefits and any cost related to POST’s entry level requirements, but does not include the cost of any equipment or uniforms the officer returned. A law enforcement unit is any state or local agency, organ, or department whose primary functions include enforcing criminal or traffic laws; preserving public order; protecting life and property; or preventing, detecting, or investigating crime. It also includes the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot police units.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 18  Nay 6  (03/19/2019)