

# Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-860

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Title:** ACCOUNT.

**Vote Date:** 3/12/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/7/2019

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Federal law stipulates that the Department of Defense make available to civilian law enforcement certain excess military supplies through a 1033 program. Connecticut statutes do not designate a specific account to manage such a program, relying on the Military Department to pay a State Guard member to administer the program. S.B. No. 860 establishes a specific account to handle the 1033 program, ensuring that the practice is continued with greater accountability.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

[Francis J. Evon, Jr., the Adjutant General, State of Connecticut Military Department](#): Major General Evon, Jr. testified that federal law requires a nominal yearly fee must be utilized to support a so-called "1033" program. The Military Department currently does not have a dedicated state account for such a program, and the money is largely spent by paying the salary of a member of the State Guard to run the program. By passing S.B. 860, the Department can ensure proper accounting and safeguarding of the programmatic funds as required by federal law.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None expressed for S.B. No. 860.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed for S.B. No. 860.

**Reported by: Benjamin S. Watson, Asst. Clerk      Date: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**