Bill No.: SB-860
Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM 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 18th, 2019