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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE DRUG ASSETS
FORFEITURE REVOLVING ACCOUNT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-36i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

3 (a) There is established and created an account of the General Fund
4 to be known as the "drug assets forfeiture revolving account" for the
5 purpose of providing funds for substance abuse treatment and
6 education programs and for use in the detection, investigation,
7 apprehension and prosecution of persons for the violation of the laws
8 pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of
9 controlled substances.

10 (b) The account shall consist of the proceeds from the sale of property
11 and moneys received and deposited pursuant to section 54-36h.

12 (c) [Moneys] Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section,
13 moneys in such account shall be distributed as follows: (1) Seventy per
14 cent shall be allocated to the Department of Emergency Services and

15 Public Protection and local police departments pursuant to subsection
16 (d) of this section, fifteen per cent of which shall be used for purposes of
17 drug education and eighty-five per cent of which shall be used for the
18 detection, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of persons for
19 the violation of laws pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale,
20 distribution or possession of controlled substances and for the purposes
21 of police training on gang-related violence as required by section 7-294l,
22 (2) twenty per cent shall be allocated to the Department of Mental
23 Health and Addiction Services for substance abuse treatment and
24 education programs and tobacco prevention and enforcement positions
25 engaged in compliance activities as required by the federal government
26 as a condition of receipt of substance abuse prevention and treatment
27 block grant funds, and (3) ten per cent shall be allocated to the Division
28 of Criminal Justice for use in the prosecution of persons for the violation
29 of laws pertaining to the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution or
30 possession of controlled substances.

31 (d) Expenditures from the account allocated to the Department of
32 Emergency Services and Public Protection and local police departments
33 shall be authorized by a panel composed of: (1) The Commissioner of
34 Emergency Services and Public Protection or his designee, (2) the
35 commander of the state-wide narcotics task force or his designee, and
36 (3) the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association or his
37 designee. The panel shall adopt procedures for the orderly
38 authorization of expenditures, subject to the approval of the
39 Comptroller. Such expenditures may be authorized only to the
40 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and to
41 organized local police departments within this state. Such expenditures
42 shall be held by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
43 Protection and the various organized local police departments in
44 accounts or funds established for that purpose. In no event shall the
45 expenditures be placed in a state or town general fund and in no event
46 shall the expenditures be used for purposes other than those provided
47 in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section. The panel shall ensure
48 the equitable allocation of expenditures to the Department of

49 Emergency Services and Public Protection or any local police
50 department which participated directly in any of the acts which led to
51 the seizure or forfeiture of the property so as to reflect generally the
52 contribution of said department or such local police department in such
53 acts. The panel shall authorize expenditures from the account for the
54 reimbursement of any organized local police department which has
55 used its own funds in the detection, investigation, apprehension and
56 prosecution of persons for the violation of laws pertaining to the illegal
57 manufacture, sale, distribution or possession of controlled substances
58 and which makes application to the panel for reimbursement.

59 (e) Moneys remaining in the drug assets forfeiture revolving account
60 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund but shall
61 remain in the revolving account [to be used for the purposes set forth in
62 this section] and be allocated to the Department of Mental Health and
63 Addiction Services for the provision of inpatient treatment services for
64 drug-dependent persons at facilities operated by or under contract with
65 the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	54-36i

Statement of Purpose:

To make certain funds in the drug assets forfeiture revolving account available for the provision of inpatient drug treatment services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]