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Substitute House Bill No. 6034

House of Representatives, April 12, 2021

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PROJECT LONGEVITY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-68bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "Project Longevity Initiative" means
4 a comprehensive community-based initiative that is designed to reduce
5 gun violence in the state's cities and "secretary" means the Secretary of
6 the Office of Policy and Management.

7 (b) Pursuant to the provisions of section 4-66a, the secretary shall (1)
8 provide planning and management assistance to municipal officials in
9 the city of New Haven in order to ensure the continued implementation
10 of the Project Longevity Initiative in said city and the secretary may
11 utilize state and federal funds as may be appropriated for such purpose;
12 and (2) do all things necessary to apply for and accept federal funds
13 allotted to or available to the state under any federal act or program
14 which support the continued implementation of the Project Longevity

15 Initiative in the city of New Haven.

16 (c) The secretary, or the secretary's designee, in consultation with the
17 United States Attorney for the district of Connecticut, the Chief State's
18 Attorney, the Commissioner of Correction, the executive director of the
19 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the mayors of
20 the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury, and clergy
21 members, nonprofit service providers and community leaders from the
22 cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury, shall implement the
23 Project Longevity Initiative in the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport
24 and Waterbury.

25 (d) Pursuant to the provisions of section 4-66a, the secretary shall (1)
26 provide planning and management assistance to municipal officials in
27 the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury in order to
28 ensure implementation of the Project Longevity Initiative in said cities
29 and the secretary may utilize state and federal funds as may be
30 appropriated for such purpose; and (2) do all things necessary to apply
31 for and accept federal funds allotted to or available to the state under
32 any federal act or program which will support implementation of the
33 Project Longevity Initiative in the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport
34 and Waterbury.

35 (e) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may accept
36 and receive on behalf of the office, subject to the provisions of section
37 4b-22, any bequest, devise or grant made to the Office of Policy and
38 Management to further the objectives of the Project Longevity Initiative
39 and may hold and use such property for the purpose specified, if any,
40 in such bequest, devise or gift.

41 (f) The secretary, in consultation with the federal and state officials
42 described in subsection (c) of this section, shall create a plan for
43 implementation of the Project Longevity Initiative on a state-wide basis.
44 Such plan shall, at a minimum, consider how to provide clients served
45 by the Project Longevity Initiative with access to courses of instruction
46 and apprentice programs provided by, but not limited to, a college, a
47 university, a community college or the Technical Education and Career

48 System. Not later than February 1, 2022, the secretary shall submit such
49 plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
50 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security in
51 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-68bb

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill expands Project Longevity to the City of Waterbury but does not specify any funding for this purpose. The impact of this depends on 1) the amount of funding appropriated for Project Longevity, and 2) the terms of any grant awarded by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to the City of Waterbury, or a private program administrator in the City.

In FY 20, OPM provided grants of \$597,954 to New Haven¹ (\$264,739), Bridgeport¹ (\$183,819), and Hartford¹ (\$149,397). As \$998,750 was appropriated for Project Longevity in FY 20, the account lapsed about \$400,000. If this level of funding was maintained in FY 22 and FY 23, it is anticipated that the program could be expanded to Waterbury without any impact on the cities currently participating.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Above

¹ Funding for the Hartford and New Haven programs was provided to The Justice Education Center, Inc. and the South Central Chiefs of Police Association respectively. Funding for the Bridgeport program was provided to the City of Bridgeport.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6034*****AN ACT CONCERNING PROJECT LONGEVITY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill expands the “Project Longevity Initiative” to Waterbury. Project Longevity is a comprehensive community-based initiative to reduce gun violence in Connecticut’s cities. The bill does so through a joint effort among community members, law enforcement, and social service providers to focus an anti-violence message on highly active street groups. The project is already in place in New Haven, Hartford, and Bridgeport.

Existing law requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to create a plan to implement the Project Longevity Initiative statewide. The bill requires the plan to, at a minimum, consider how to provide clients the project serves with access to courses and apprentice programs provided by a college, university, community college, or the Technical Education and Career System. By February 1, 2022, the secretary must submit the plan to the Public Safety and Security Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

IMPLEMENTATION

The bill requires the OPM secretary, to ensure or support implementing the project in Waterbury, to:

1. provide planning and management assistance to municipal officials in the city and
2. do anything necessary to apply for and accept federal funds allotted or available to the state under any federal act or program.

As under existing law for the other cities with the program, the secretary may use state and federal funds as appropriated for the project's implementation.

To implement the program, the bill also requires the secretary, or her designee, to consult with the following federal and state officials:

1. U.S. attorney for Connecticut,
2. chief state's attorney,
3. Department of Correction commissioner, and
4. Court Support Services Division executive director.

The secretary or her designee must also consult with Waterbury's mayor and clergy members, nonprofit service providers, and community leaders from the city.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/24/2021)