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The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE & RESIDUAL EMPLOYEES UNION.

Resolved by the Senate:

- 1 That the memorandum of agreement between the State of
- 2 Connecticut and the Administrative & Residual Employees Union,
- 3 concerning the Impact Bargaining regarding employees in certain titles,
- 4 submitted to this assembly February 22, 2021, for approval, as provided
- 5 in subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, is approved.

APP *Senate Favorable*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	Various - Cost	49,169	53,736
Various State Agencies	Various - Cost	326,210	356,511

Note: Various=Various; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This resolution proposes approval of an agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Administrative and Residual (A&R) Employees (P-5) Union concerning certain employee classifications. The agreement moves 62 non-union positions into the A&R bargaining unit. This agreement covers FY 21 and is retroactive to July 1, 2020. The job classifications are:

- Banking Department Manager
- Banking Assistant Division Director
- Chief Property Casualty Insurance Acting RC
- Director of Unemployment Insurance Field Services & Adjudications
- Insurance Certification Supervising Examiner (Mgr.)
- Insurance Actuary
- Insurance Program Manager
- Labor Department Unit Director

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.77% of payroll in FY 21 and FY 22.

- Transportation Assistant Planning Director
- Transportation District Maintenance Special Services Section Manager
- Transportation Maintenance Manager
- Transportation Transit Manager
- Transportation Purchasing and Stores Assistant Director

Total estimated costs associated with this agreement are \$375,379 in FY 21 and annualized at \$410,247 as reflected in the table below:

Cost Estimate¹

	FY 21 \$	FY 21 \$ Annualized
FY 21 - 3.5% General Wage Increase (GWI)	243,017	243,017
FY 21 - Annual Increment	30,300	60,601
Lump Sum at Top Step	20,693	20,693
Longevity	32,200	32,200
Total Wages	326,210	356,511
Social Security, Medicare, and Unemployment	25,709	28,097
OPEB 3%	9,792	10,701
State Employee Retirement System (SERS) ²	13,668	14,938
TOTAL	375,379	410,247

¹ Source: March 1 roster from CORE-CT.

² The SERS impact will not be recognized until FY 23.

Wage Increases - This agreement establishes wage increases retroactively for FY 21, employees will receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 3.5% retroactive to June 19, 2020, as well as an annual increment (AI) of 2 % starting January 1, 2021.

These wages are estimated to cost \$326,210 in FY 21, annualized at \$356,511. Longevity payments are retroactive in FY 21 and will cost \$30,200 in both FY 21 and FY 22. Employees at their top step in the pay

scale will receive lump sum payments totaling a cumulative \$20,693 in FY 21.

Fringe Benefits – Social Security, Medicare, unemployment, and retiree health related fringe benefit costs will be incurred based on the wage related provisions negotiated in the contract. The current social security rate is 7.65% of salary. The current unemployment rate is 0.23% of salary. The current state contribution towards retiree health is 3%. The estimated fringe benefit costs are \$35,501 in FY 21; annualized at \$38,798.

Impact to Retirement - Employees covered by this contract are members of the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS). The pension impact of the wage related provisions assumes an average normal cost SERS rate of 4.19%. The total estimated retirement cost is \$13,668 in FY 21, annualized at \$14,938. The increased costs to SERS will not be recognized in the state's actuarially determined employer contributions (ADEC) until FY 23, as the FY 22 contribution is set based on the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation.

Funding Availability - The Reserve for Salary Adjustments³ (RSA) account is for collective bargaining costs associated with unsettled contracts. RSA currently has adequate funding to transfer to various agencies. Lastly, the provisions of this agreement remain in effect until a subsequent agreement is negotiated by the parties.

Member Overview – There are 62 employees covered by this agreement.

The Out Years

The agreement will expire effective June 30, 2021. The wage provisions of this resolution will remain in effect in future years subject to the outcome of the collective bargaining process.

³The RSA account is used to finance collective bargaining and related costs that are not included in individual agency budgets.