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HB-5178

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS
INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	550,000 to 2.5 million	See Below
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	866,700	866,700
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	351,300	351,300

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in a state cost of up to \$3.7 million in FY 23 and at least \$1.2 million in FY 24 due to expanding the CRISIS Initiative pilot program throughout the state by January 1, 2023.

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) of at least \$550,000 and up to \$2.5 million in FY 23 depending on how many additional state troopers are trained in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. Currently, there are 40 trained CIT troopers. The cost to train approximately 25% of troopers is \$550,000, while the cost to train all remaining troopers is approximately \$2.5 million (inclusive of both training fees and overtime costs to cover

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 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

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officers who go to training).² CIT training takes approximately 40 hours and costs \$175 per trooper.

The bill also results in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) of approximately \$866,700 in FY 23 and FY 24 (with associated fringe costs of \$351,300 in each year) to support 9 additional social workers. Social workers will assist state police in de-escalating situations involving individuals with mental illness and ensure access to follow-up services.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The annual cost to train state police and cover overtime costs would be based on the number of additional troopers requiring CIT training in the future.

² According to the Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement (CABLE), the state's provider of CIT training, the goal of the CIT program is for each department to have at least 25% of its sworn personnel trained and to have several CIT officers cover each shift.