

Public Safety and Security Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5178

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT

Title: PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Vote Date: 3/1/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/22/2022

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security

Co-sponsor(s):

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REASONS FOR BILL:

This training program would give state and local police officers advanced situation de-escalation tactics for calls related to mental health, overdose, and substance abuse related cases. They hope to expand this as it would create a safer environment both for our police officers, as well as for the individuals they are helping

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

NONE

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

State of Connecticut House Republican Office supports this bill. They believe that this is an effective policy change that will address the most critical public safety issues that the country, and Connecticut faces today.

Diane Manning President/CEO of United Services supports this bill. People will get the help they are seeking for and need without interacting with law enforcement unnecessarily.

SWAA CT supports the bill. SWAA Ct supports a crisis team approach with teams lead ideally by social workers supported by mental health peer specialists and substance abuse recovery specialist all working with the local police departments and/or state police to facilitate utilization of community mental health and substance abuse services rather than incarceration

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

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