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SB-450

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT VALLEY AND WHITING  
FORENSIC HOSPITALS.

AMENDMENT

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***Cost***

The amendment strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated fiscal impact

The amendment results in a cost of approximately \$350,000 annually to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to license, inspect and investigate complaints at state behavioral health and psychiatric facilities, including Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH), Southwest Connecticut Mental Health System, Connecticut Mental Health Center, and Capitol Region Mental Health Center. DPH costs reflect support for three Nurse Consultants, a part-time Nurse Consultant Supervisor and a part-time Building and Fire Safety Inspector (with associated fringe totaling \$136,200 annually) to meet the requirements of the amendment. The state may also incur costs associated with facility modifications in order to comply with licensing requirements.

The amendment could result in a cost associated with board activities. The amendment replaces the current advisory board for Whiting Forensic Hospital with an oversight board beginning October 2022. While board members cannot receive compensation for their duties, they must be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. It is assumed that DMHAS would be responsible for these costs.

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