

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-1036

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREATER HARTFORD REGIONAL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE TO COMBAT ILLEGAL  
ROADWAY TRAFFIC ACTIVITY.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 127,426	Up to 130,612
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 18,655	Up to 19,122

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Hartford Police Department	Potential Cost	187,000	187,000
Various Municipal Police Departments	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The bill establishes a Greater Hartford Regional Law Enforcement Task Force to Combat Illegal Roadway Traffic Activity on July 1, 2023, resulting in a potential cost to the state of up to \$146,081 in FY 24 and \$149,734 in FY 25, a potential cost to the Hartford Police Department of \$187,000 in FY 24 and FY 25, and a potential cost to municipalities in the Greater Hartford Region in both years.

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated solely with overtime expenses is 14.64% of payroll in FY 24.

The bill allows the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to appoint a commanding officer and other personnel deemed necessary to the task force. If DESPP appoints one State Police Master Sergeant<sup>2</sup> and two State Police Troopers to work 10 hours per week on the task force, it will cost the state up to \$127,426 in overtime expenses with associated fringe benefits of \$18,655 in FY 24, with these costs experiencing a 2.5% increase in FY 25.

The municipal impact will vary to the extent that towns in the Greater Hartford Region choose to participate in the task force. Based on how similar regional task forces have been organized and the current strategies used by the Hartford Police Department to combat such illegal activity, the bill may require Hartford to commit at least one sworn officer full-time, costing up to \$132,000 annually in overtime expenses, and increase its civilian staff by one Crime Analyst, starting at \$55,000, which resulting in a total potential cost of \$187,000, not including the city's fringe benefits expenses. Surrounding municipalities are expected to incur overtime expenses should they choose to commit officers and staff to this task force.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the volume of illegal roadway traffic activity and inflation.

*Sources: Department of Administrative Services website*

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<sup>2</sup> State Police Master Sergeant is the lowest rank that may serve as a Commanding Officer in specialized units.