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Substitute Senate Bill No. 139

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF A FORENSIC SCIENCE TRAINING LABORATORY AND PROGRAMS FOR TRAINING POLICE DETECTIVES AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025, the
2 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Central
3 Connecticut State University shall enter into a memorandum of
4 understanding regarding the development by the university of a
5 forensic science training laboratory and courses to train police officers
6 who are or seek to become detectives. Such memorandum may also
7 include provisions for the development of other programs or courses by
8 the university, such as programs or courses to train police officers in
9 investigative techniques, supervision or executive leadership.

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million seventeen
11 thousand dollars is appropriated to Central Connecticut State
12 University from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,

13 2025, for purposes of developing the forensic science training
14 laboratory, courses and programs described in the memorandum of
15 understanding entered into pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Central Connecticut State University	GF - Cost	Up to 1,020,000	Up to 200,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires Central Connecticut State University to develop a forensic science training laboratory to train police officers who are attempting to become detectives. This will result in a cost of approximately \$1 million in FY 25 and ongoing costs of up to \$200,000 annually.

One-time costs in FY 25 total approximately \$820,000 and include: \$400,000 in forensic lab renovations, \$270,000 in equipment and supplies, and \$150,000 for a consultant to develop program curriculum.

Annual costs, beginning in FY 25, total approximately \$200,000 and include: \$50,000 for adjuncts and lab assistants, \$50,000 in supplies and up to \$100,000 in scholarships for participating police officers (assuming scholarship costs are paid by Central).

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (02/29/2024)