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BILL NUMBER: sSB 500  
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT WING CIVIL AIR PATROL, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF STATE-WIDE EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE TROOPERS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill consolidates three public safety-related agencies into the Department of Public Safety. In addition, it increases the charges to municipalities for the Resident State Trooper program from the 70% rate, to 75%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 500

STATE IMPACT	Implements a Provision in the Budget, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Public Safety, Civil Air Patrol, Office of Emergency Management, and the Bureau of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: This bill implements provisions within SHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for fiscal year 1992-93. The bill eliminates three independent public safety-related State agencies and transfers staff, funding, and functions to the Department of Public Safety. The agencies are: the Connecticut Wing-Civil Air Patrol (a grant account); the Office of Emergency Management; and the Office of Emergency Telecommunications. This was part of a public safety consolidation proposed in the Governor's budget that included six agencies. While significant savings were claimed as the result of consolidation, analysis of the budget reductions indicated that they were primarily the result of the same reductions imposed on all agencies in the Governor's budget: elimination of inflationary increases; elimination of equipment funding; reductions in personnel through a combination of early retirements and layoffs; reductions in discretionary grant accounts, etc. There is a potential for savings if this consolidation results in a more efficient delivery of services. However, this cannot be determined because planning for the actual

implementation of the consolidation has only recently begun. Programmatic impact cannot be determined for the same reason.

The bill also increases the charges to municipalities for the Resident State Trooper program from the 70% rate to 75%, effective 7/1/92. This was also part of the Governor's budget and would generate about \$250,000 revenue in FY 1992-93 from 83 Resident State Troopers in 53 municipalities. This would increase municipal charges by about \$3,300 per trooper. (It should be noted that PA 91-12, JSS increased the current 60% rate to 70%, effective July 1, 1992.)

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill would increase costs to various municipalities by \$3,300 to \$13,200. The bill increases the charges to municipalities for the Resident State Trooper program from the 70% rate to 75%, effective 7/1/92. This would increase the charges to municipalities by about \$3,300 per trooper. The 53 municipalities currently participating in the program have from 1 to 4 Resident State Troopers.