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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."

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SUMMARY: This bill as amended 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%.

The bill as amended also makes changes in the statute regarding the State's use of Nuclear Safety Emergency Preparedness Funds. References to 3 staff positions in the Department of Environmental Protection and 2 staff positions in the Office of Emergency Management are deleted. It substitutes language authorizing expenditures for "necessary administrative expenses".

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 2003

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| STATE IMPACT     | Implements Provisions 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 Bureau of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications, Department of Environmental Protection |

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: This bill as amended implements provisions within SA 92-13 (the Appropriations Act) for fiscal year 1992-93. The bill as amended 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 as amended 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.)

In addition, funds in the amount of \$55,440 (and two positions) have been removed from the General Fund portion of the budget for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in SA 92-13, the Appropriations Act. Two radio communications staff persons are transferred to the Nuclear Safety Emergency Preparedness Fund in SA 92-13. The amendment deletes the provision in the statutes limiting DEP's use of the fund to support 3 staff positions (and the Office of Emergency Management to 2 staff positions) and authorizes Fund expenditures for "necessary administrative expenses". The Nuclear Safety Emergency Preparedness Fund is financed through assessments of all Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees operating nuclear power generating facilities in the State.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: The passage of this bill as amended 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.

Senate "A" implements a provision in the Appropriations Act by allowing for the funding of additional staff from the DEP to be funded through the Nuclear Safety Emergency Preparedness Fund reducing General Fund costs.

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