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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON SUFFERS AN OPIOID OVERDOSE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	962,950	991,840
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	397,700	409,630
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	\$572,000 - \$2.3 million	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in a state cost of up to \$3.7 million in FY 22 and at least \$1.4 million in FY 23 due to expanding the CRISIS Initiative pilot program throughout the state by January 1, 2022.

The bill results in a cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) of at least \$572,000 and up to \$2.3 million in FY 22 depending on how many additional state troopers are trained in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. Currently, there are 60 trained CIT troopers. The cost to train approximately 25% of

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.3% of payroll in FY 22 and FY 23.

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troopers is \$572,000, while the cost to train all remaining troopers is approximately \$2.3 million (inclusive of both training fees and overtime costs to cover officers who go to training).² CIT training takes approximately 40 hours and costs \$125 per trooper.

The bill also results in a cost to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) of approximately \$962,950 in FY 22 and FY \$991,840 in 23 (with associated fringe costs of \$397,700 and \$409,630, respectively) to support ten additional social workers, one at each State Police Troop. Currently, one DMHAS social worker assists state police at Troop E in de-escalating situations involving individuals with mental illness and ensures access to follow-up services.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The annual cost to train state police and cover overtime costs would be based on the number of additional troopers requiring CIT training in the future.

² According to the Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement (CABLE), the state's provider of CIT training, the goal of the CIT program is for each department to have at least 25% of its sworn personnel trained and to have several CIT officers cover each shift.