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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5586

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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."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On and after the effective date of
4 this section, the Division of State Police within the Department of
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, in conjunction with the
6 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, expand the pilot
7 program known as the CRISIS Initiative: Connection to Recovery
8 through Intervention, Support, and Initiating Services to Troop D.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
10 study the costs and benefits of expanding the pilot program known as

11 the CRISIS Initiative: Connection to Recovery through Intervention,
12 Support, and Initiating Services throughout the state. At a minimum,
13 such expanded program would include the components of the pilot
14 program that require training for state police officers, coordination
15 between state police officers and mental health professionals and
16 referrals to facilities for mental health services. The task force shall
17 consider input and recommendations from participants in the pilot
18 program at Troop E, community stakeholders and other interested
19 parties.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 who is a member of the mental health services community;

23 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
24 is a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department
25 of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

26 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who is a representative of the Connecticut Police
28 Chiefs Association;

29 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
30 member of a board of directors at a hospital in the state;

31 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
32 Representatives, who is an emergency medical responder, emergency
33 medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or
34 paramedic, as those terms are defined in section 20-206jj of the general
35 statutes;

36 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

37 (7) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
38 or the commissioner's designee; and

39 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or

40 the commissioner's designee.

41 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
42 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
43 of the General Assembly.

44 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
45 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
46 be filled by the appointing authority.

47 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
48 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
49 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
50 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
51 days after the effective date of this section.

52 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
54 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

55 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
56 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
57 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
58 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
59 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
60 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later."

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