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AN ACT CONCERNING ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	144,188	144,188
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	58,439	58,439

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to develop three tiers of minimum standards and practices for law enforcement units resulting in POST needing to hire two field program assistants for a cost of \$202,627 in FY 22 and FY 23 (costs include salary and fringe benefits). The new employees are needed to help develop the standards, accredit and reaccredit law enforcement units, and review and certify unit compliance. It's anticipated that 150 law enforcement units will have to meet the new standards, 50 currently

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 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

meet tier one but approximately 100 would need to start the process from the beginning.

The bill also results in potential savings to municipalities from eliminating the requirement that law enforcement units receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA) by 2025. There is a cost to receiving accreditation from CALEA related to compliance and payment to CALEA.

The Out Years

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