



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 469

February Session, 2024

Senate Bill No. 357

Senate, April 15, 2024

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTROL OF THE UNION AVENUE
DETENTION CENTER IN NEW HAVEN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On and after January 1, 2025, the
- 2 detention center located on Union Avenue in New Haven shall be under
- 3 the jurisdiction of the Judicial Department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	1,090,000	2,179,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	291,000	581,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
New Haven	Savings	up to \$1.3 million	up to \$1.3 million

Explanation

The bill, which transfers jurisdiction of the Union Avenue Detention Center from the City of New Haven to the Judicial Department beginning 1/1/2025, results in a cost of approximately \$1,090,000 in FY 25 and \$2,179,000 in FY 26 to the Judicial Department, a cost of about \$291,000 in FY 25 and \$581,000 in FY 26 to the State Comptroller- Fringe Benefits, and a potential savings to New Haven. The FY 25 estimate reflects a partial year adjustment.

The Judicial Department will need to hire 25 new Judicial Marshals for about \$955,000 in FY 25 and \$1,909,000 in FY 26 annual salaries and expected over-time costs.² Additionally, there is a need for other

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 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

²Judicial Marshall Trainee compensation is about \$56,000 annually before over-time.

expenses including food, clothing, etc. for individuals being detained and general supplies for approximately \$270,000 annually.

The bill will also result in a savings to New Haven beginning in FY 25 associated with resources for this facility that will no longer be necessary. This savings may include up to \$1.3 million in overtime expenses.

The Out Years

The bill may also result in an increase in the Tiered PILOT grant that New Haven receives in the out years. Current law allows a reimbursement for property taxes for certain juvenile residential centers that were used for incarceration purposes during the preceding fiscal year.

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



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 10 (03/26/2024)