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HB-5452
AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CONNECTICUT LAND MOBILE RADIO NETWORK AND RELATED COSTS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 $	FY 28 $
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	At least 1,447,500	At least 1,347,500

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 $	FY 28 $
Various Municipalities	Savings	At least 1,347,500	At least 1,347,500

Explanation

Section 1 results in a cost to the state of at least $1,347,500 annually beginning in FY 27 by requiring the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to pay all "lifecycle costs"[1] that a municipality incurs from participating in the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). According to DESPP, there are currently 33 relevant sites across the state, at a cost of $17,500 per year per site (software), and 140 consoles at $5,500 per year per console (hardware), resulting in the $1,347,500 cost for existing infrastructure currently incurred by participating municipalities. By shifting these costs to

[1] This estimate assumes "lifecycle costs" are defined as software and hardware upgrades necessary for participation in CLMRN. It excludes existing maintenance costs incurred by municipalities of approximately $2.5 million annually.

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DESPP, this bill results in an equivalent level of savings for participating municipalities.

To the extent that additional municipalities opt into CLMRN, costs for DESPP would increase and newly participating municipalities would realize savings.

Section 2 requires DESPP to develop a plan to encourage municipalities to participate in CLMRN, as outlined in the bill. It is expected that one-time staffing or consultant costs of approximately $100,000 in FY 27 would be needed to support development of this plan.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of additional municipalities that opt into CLMRN.