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AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVICTION IN ANOTHER
JURISDICTION AS A DISQUALIFIER FOR A CARRY PERMIT OR
FIREARMS ELIGIBILITY OR AMMUNITION CERTIFICATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	414,000 - 1,035,000	552,000 - 1,380,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	174,333 - 435,833	232,444 - 581,111

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Municipal Police Departments; Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE ² - Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant

Explanation

The bill, which adds certain misdemeanor convictions that occur in other jurisdictions to the list of disqualifying offenses that prohibit a person from being issued long gun and handgun eligibility certificates and handgun permits, results in an annual cost to the state ranging from \$784,444 to \$1,961,111 and potentially significant costs to municipal

¹ The 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 40.71% of payroll in FY 26. The estimated active hazardous duty employee fringe benefit cost is 49.15% of payroll in FY 26.

² State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

police departments and various municipalities beginning in the second quarter of FY 26.

The total cost to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) is estimated to range from \$414,000 to \$1,035,000 in FY 26 and \$552,000 to \$1,380,000 in FY 27. To determine whether certain misdemeanors of other jurisdictions fall within the bill's applicability, the department will need to formally request records from such jurisdictions and make a subjective interpretation of such offenses. This additional review will require DESPP to hire four to ten Staff Attorneys and two to five Troopers First Class.³ These positions will incur costs to the State Comptroller of \$174,333 to \$435,833 in FY 26 and \$232,444 to \$581,111 in FY 27 for fringe benefits. Equipment expenses for these positions are expected to range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 annually.

The cost to municipal police departments and various municipalities (that do not have police departments) will depend on the number of applications for temporary permits that such municipal authorities receive. Like DESPP, they will require additional sworn and legal staff hours to review applications that are subject to the bill's requirements.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of firearms applications subject to the bill's requirements.

³ Annually, DESPP receives an average of 68,000 applications that would be subject to the bill's provisions. It is assumed that 2-5% of applicants will have a misdemeanor on their criminal record that warrants additional review under the bill. Applications requiring such review will require an average 3 hours additional review by sworn staff and 6 hours review by legal staff. The annual starting salary for Staff Attorney 1 is estimated to be \$86,000. The annual starting salary for Trooper First Class is estimated to be \$94,000.