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SB-1489

## AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL POLICE FORCES. AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 240,000	Up to 240,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Potential Cost	Up to 110,364	Up to 110,364

Note: GF=General Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

### ***Explanation***

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and results in the following impact.

The amendment allows certain municipalities to form regional police forces, resulting in a potential cost to certain municipalities and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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beginning in FY 26.

The amendment may result in a cost to municipalities with a population of 50,000 or less beginning in FY 26 that choose to form a regional police authority, to the extent that resources are used to establish the authority and apply to DESPP.<sup>2</sup>

If DESPP receives enough applications to form regional police forces, they may need to hire one Associate Accountant and one State Police Lieutenant to review and make recommendations on such applications. This results in a potential cost of \$240,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 to DESPP and \$110,364 to the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> According to the Department of Public Health, in 2023 there were 150 municipalities with a population of 50,000 or less.

<sup>3</sup> The estimated salary of these positions is \$90,000 and 150,000 with fringe benefits expenses of \$36,639 and \$73,725, respectively.