



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 374

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,
2 2027, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
3 Services and Public Protection shall, in conjunction with the Department
4 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, expand the pilot program
5 known as the CRISIS Initiative: Connection to Recovery through
6 Intervention, Support and Initiating Services throughout the state.

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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PS Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), in conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to expand the CRISIS program statewide by January 1, 2027.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provides funding for DESPP to expand the CRISIS program statewide beginning in FY 27, therefore the agency is expected to meet the requirements of the bill within its anticipated resources.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 374*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the State Police, in conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), to expand the Connection to Recovery through Intervention, Support and Initiating Services Initiative pilot program (CRISIS Initiative) throughout the state by January 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***CRISIS Initiative Pilot Program***

The CRISIS Initiative pilot program has generally established procedures among specific State Police and DMHAS personnel for referring and handling incidents involving people with addiction disorders or mental health conditions as well as other crisis incidents. The program began in 2017 with DMHAS assigning a full-time licensed clinician social worker to State Police Troop E, which is based out of Montville and generally covers southeast Connecticut. The 2021 budget implementer expanded the program to Troop D, which is based out of Killingly and generally covers northeast Connecticut (PA 21-2, June Special Session, § 75).

Related Bill

sHB 5003, § 22, favorably reported by the Labor and Public Employees Committee, also requires the expansion of the CRISIS Initiative throughout the state, but it also requires the expanded program to at least include the pilot program's components that require state police officer training, coordination between state police officers

and mental health professionals, and referrals to mental health services facilities.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)