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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **HB 5452**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CONNECTICUT LAND MOBILE RADIO NETWORK AND RELATED COSTS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to pay for all municipal lifecycle costs necessary to participate in the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). CLMRN is the state-wide public safety telecommunications system administered by DESPP's Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications that provides interoperable radio communications for public safety agencies (see BACKGROUND). "Lifecycle costs" are the expenses to ensure that a municipal system's software and hardware is compatible and functional with CLMRN.

The bill also requires the DESPP commissioner to (1) develop a plan to encourage municipalities to participate in CLMRN and (2) deliver it to the Public Safety and Security Committee by January 1, 2027. Under the bill, the plan must:

1. assess municipal participation in CLMRN;
2. identify infrastructure needs and long-term costs;
3. consider opportunities for regional coordination, shared services, and cost reduction strategies; and
4. include any recommendations to encourage municipalities to participate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026, except the DESPP plan requirement is effective from passage.

**BACKGROUND**

***CLMRN***

CLMRN is an interoperable radio communication network that provides 98% mobile coverage statewide. The state began to incorporate municipalities into the network in 2018. Since then, CLMRN has provided unified coverage to participating state, federal, municipal, and neighboring state public safety providers. Most municipalities belong to the network, have network access for mutual aid, or are waiting to onboard into the system.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29    Nay 0    (03/17/2026)