
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)