



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 327**

February Session, 2026

House Bill No. 5452

*House of Representatives, April 1, 2026*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Department of  
2 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall pay all lifecycle costs  
3 that a municipality incurs as a condition of participating in the  
4 Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network. For purposes of this section,  
5 (1) "Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network" means the state-wide  
6 public safety telecommunications system that (A) is administered by the  
7 Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications in accordance  
8 with chapter 518a of the general statutes, and (B) provides interoperable  
9 radio communications for public safety agencies, and (2) "lifecycle costs"  
10 means expenses incurred to ensure the software and hardware  
11 necessary for participating in the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio  
12 Network remain functional and compatible with said network.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Emergency

14 Services and Public Protection shall develop a plan to encourage  
 15 municipalities to participate in the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio  
 16 Network, as defined in section 1 of this act. Such plan shall include, but  
 17 need not be limited to: (1) An assessment of municipal participation in  
 18 the network; (2) identification of infrastructure needs and long-term  
 19 costs; (3) consideration of opportunities for regional coordination,  
 20 shared services and cost reduction strategies; and (4) any  
 21 recommendations to encourage municipalities to participate in the  
 22 network.

23 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall submit the  
 24 plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
 25 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, in  
 26 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	At least 1,447,500	At least 1,347,500

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	At least 1,347,500	At least 1,347,500

**Explanation**

**Section 1** results in a cost to the state of at least \$1,347,500 annually beginning in FY 27 by requiring the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to pay all "lifecycle costs"<sup>1</sup> that a municipality incurs from participating in the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). According to DESPP, there are currently 33 relevant sites across the state, at a cost of \$17,500 per year per site (software), and 140 consoles at \$5,500 per year per console (hardware), resulting in the \$1,347,500 cost for existing infrastructure currently incurred by participating municipalities. By shifting these costs to DESPP, this bill results in an equivalent level of savings for participating municipalities.

To the extent that additional municipalities opt into CLMRN, costs

---

<sup>1</sup> This estimate assumes "lifecycle costs" are defined as software and hardware upgrades necessary for participation in CLMRN. It excludes existing maintenance costs incurred by municipalities of approximately \$2.5 million annually.

for DESPP would increase and newly participating municipalities would realize savings.

**Section 2** requires DESPP to develop a plan to encourage municipalities to participate in CLMRN, as outlined in the bill. It is expected that one-time staffing or consultant costs of approximately \$100,000 in FY 27 would be needed to support development of this plan.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of additional municipalities that opt into CLMRN.

**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)