



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6034

LCO No. 5676



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROJECT LONGEVITY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-68bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section, "Project Longevity Initiative" means
4 a comprehensive community-based initiative that is designed to reduce
5 gun violence in the state's cities and "secretary" means the Secretary of
6 the Office of Policy and Management.

7 (b) Pursuant to the provisions of section 4-66a, the secretary shall (1)
8 provide planning and management assistance to municipal officials in
9 the city of New Haven in order to ensure the continued implementation
10 of the Project Longevity Initiative in said city and the secretary may
11 utilize state and federal funds as may be appropriated for such purpose;
12 and (2) do all things necessary to apply for and accept federal funds
13 allotted to or available to the state under any federal act or program
14 which support the continued implementation of the Project Longevity
15 Initiative in the city of New Haven.

16 (c) The secretary, or the secretary's designee, in consultation with the
17 United States Attorney for the district of Connecticut, the Chief State's
18 Attorney, the Commissioner of Correction, the executive director of the
19 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the mayors of
20 the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury, and clergy
21 members, nonprofit service providers and community leaders from the
22 cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury, shall implement the
23 Project Longevity Initiative in the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport
24 and Waterbury.

25 (d) Pursuant to the provisions of section 4-66a, the secretary shall (1)
26 provide planning and management assistance to municipal officials in
27 the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury in order to
28 ensure implementation of the Project Longevity Initiative in said cities
29 and the secretary may utilize state and federal funds as may be
30 appropriated for such purpose; and (2) do all things necessary to apply
31 for and accept federal funds allotted to or available to the state under
32 any federal act or program which will support implementation of the
33 Project Longevity Initiative in the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport
34 and Waterbury.

35 (e) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may accept
36 and receive on behalf of the office, subject to the provisions of section
37 4b-22, any bequest, devise or grant made to the Office of Policy and
38 Management to further the objectives of the Project Longevity Initiative
39 and may hold and use such property for the purpose specified, if any,
40 in such bequest, devise or gift.

41 (f) The secretary, in consultation with the federal and state officials
42 described in subsection (c) of this section, shall create a plan for
43 implementation of the Project Longevity Initiative on a state-wide basis.
44 Such plan shall, at a minimum, consider how to provide members of the
45 Project Longevity Initiative with access to courses of instruction and
46 apprentice programs provided by, but not limited to, a college,
47 university, community college or the Technical Education and Career
48 System, and training and placement in jobs available in the

49 manufacturing, health care, construction, science, technology, computer
50 science, engineering and mathematics industries and other emergency
51 sectors of the state's economy. Not later than February 1, 2021, the
52 secretary shall submit such plan to the joint standing committee of the
53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
54 and security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 4-68bb |
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) expand the Project Longevity Initiative to the city of Waterbury, and (2) require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to create a plan to implement the initiative on a state-wide basis.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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