



**Substitute House Bill No. 6034**

**Public Act No. 21-153**

***AN ACT CONCERNING PROJECT LONGEVITY.***

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

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 Section 4-68bb of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

(c) The secretary, or the secretary's designee, in consultation with the United States Attorney for the district of Connecticut, the Chief State's

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Attorney, the Commissioner of Correction, the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, the mayors of the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury, and clergy members, nonprofit service providers and community leaders from the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury, shall implement the Project Longevity Initiative in the cities of Hartford, [and] Bridgeport and Waterbury.

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

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

(f) The secretary, in consultation with the federal and state officials described in subsection (c) of this section, shall create a plan for implementation of the Project Longevity Initiative on a state-wide basis. Such plan shall, at a minimum, consider how to provide clients served by the Project Longevity Initiative with access to courses of instruction and apprentice programs provided by, but not limited to, a college, a university, a community college or the Technical Education and Career System. Not later than February 1, 2022, the secretary shall submit such

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plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.