



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING ADDICTION SERVICES EXPERTS AT POLICE DEPARTMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Department of  
2 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, within available  
3 appropriations, establish a pilot program to provide funding to law  
4 enforcement units, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes,  
5 to hire addiction services experts. The program shall provide such  
6 funding to units serving communities that are experiencing high drug  
7 overdose rates, as determined by the department.

8 (b) Each law enforcement unit that receives funding under the  
9 program shall report to the department by July first of the year  
10 following receipt of such funding on (1) how the unit has used the  
11 funds, (2) how the use of addiction services experts impacted the unit's  
12 work, and (3) whether the use of such experts impacted drug overdose  
13 rates in the community served by the unit.

14 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, and not later than January first  
15 thereafter, if the department continues to provide funding to units

16 under the program, the department shall, in accordance with the  
17 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report the following  
18 information to the joint standing committee having cognizance of  
19 matters related to public safety: (1) The total amount of funds  
20 expended for the program, (2) the amounts provided to specific law  
21 enforcement units, and (3) a summary of the reports received by the  
22 department pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*