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Substitute Senate Bill No. 405

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT
AND DRUG RECOGNITION TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement" has the same
3 meaning as provided in section 7-294kk of the general statutes;
- 4 (2) "Drug recognition expert" has the same meaning as provided in
5 section 7-294kk of the general statutes; and
- 6 (3) "Police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-
7 294a of the general statutes.
- 8 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "impaired
9 driving enforcement and drug recognition training account", which
10 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account shall contain any
11 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
12 account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

13 Management for the purposes of providing grants pursuant to
14 subsection (c) of this section.

15 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
16 administer the impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition
17 training grant program. Pursuant to such program, the secretary shall
18 provide grants-in-aid to reimburse or provide funding to municipalities
19 and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the
20 costs associated with providing training to police officers who receive
21 advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement training or drug
22 recognition expert training. Such grants-in-aid may be provided to
23 municipalities or the department to (1) reimburse costs incurred from
24 having provided such training, provided such training occurred on or
25 after July 1, 2026, or (2) fund such training to be provided by a
26 municipality or the department. A municipality or the department may
27 submit an application for a grant under this section in a form and
28 manner prescribed by the secretary.

29 (d) Not later than January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the
30 secretary shall submit a report on the impaired driving enforcement and
31 drug recognition training grant program to the joint standing committee
32 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
33 safety and security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
34 the general statutes.

35 Sec. 2. Subsection (i) of section 12-330*ll* of the 2026 supplement to the
36 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
37 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

38 (i) The tax received by the state under this section shall be deposited
39 as follows:

40 (1) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, in the
41 cannabis regulatory and investment account established under section
42 21a-420f of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1,
43 2025;

44 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, sixty
 45 per cent of such tax received in the Cannabis Social Equity and
 46 Innovation Fund established under section 21a-420f of the general
 47 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2025, twenty-five per cent
 48 of such tax received in the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services
 49 Fund established under section 21a-420f of the general statutes, revision
 50 of 1958, revised to January 1, 2025, and fifteen per cent in the General
 51 Fund;

52 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, sixty per cent of such tax
 53 received in the social equity and innovation account established under
 54 section 21a-420f, twenty-five per cent of such tax received in the
 55 Cannabis Prevention and Recovery Services Fund established under
 56 section 21a-420f and fifteen per cent in the General Fund;

57 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028, [sixty-
 58 five] sixty per cent of such tax received in the social equity and
 59 innovation account established under section 21a-420f, twenty-five per
 60 cent of such tax received in the Cannabis Prevention and Recovery
 61 Services Fund established under section 21a-420f, [and] ten per cent of
 62 such tax received in the General Fund and five per cent of such tax
 63 received in the impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition
 64 training account established under section 1 of this act; and

65 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, and each fiscal year
 66 thereafter, [seventy-five] seventy per cent of such tax received in the
 67 social equity and innovation account established under section 21a-420f,
 68 [and] twenty-five per cent of such tax received in the Cannabis
 69 Prevention and Recovery Services Fund established under section 21a-
 70 420f and five per cent of such tax received in the impaired driving
 71 enforcement and drug recognition training account established under
 72 section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

Sec. 2	July 1, 2026	12-33011(i)
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(i)(4), "of such tax received" was inserted before "in the General Fund" for statutory consistency.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	92,900	90,770
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	37,700	37,700
Social Equity Council	SEIA - Revenue Loss	1.3 million	1.4 million
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	Impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition training account - Revenue Gain	1.3 million	1.4 million
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Potential	See Below

Note: SEIA=Social Equity and Innovation Account; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Potential	See Below

Explanation

The bill results the following fiscal impacts associated with the impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition training grant program established under the bill.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

Office of and Policy and Management Cost

The bill results in a cost of \$92,900 in FY 27 and an annual cost of \$90,770 beginning in FY 28 to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for a Fiscal Administrative Officer and an annual corresponding fringe benefit cost of \$37,700 to administer an impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition training grant program.

Cannabis Excise Tax Redistribution

The bill results in a revenue loss of \$1.3 million in FY 27 and \$1.4 million in FY 28 to the social equity and innovation account (SEIA) and a corresponding revenue gain to the "impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition training account" established under the bill by redistributing a portion of the tax from the SEIA to the new account.

Revenue Gain to DESPP and Municipalities

The bill also results in a corresponding potential revenue gain in FY 27 and a revenue gain beginning in FY 28 to municipalities and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to the extent grants are administered for costs associated with providing training to certain police officers. Any revenue gain is dependent on the cost of the training providing, the amount of the grant awarded, and the funds available in the account.²

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

² Only training that occurs beginning in FY 27 will qualify for grants from this account. FY 27 grants will be dependent on the time it takes for OPM to establish the account and for funds to accumulate.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 405*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT AND DRUG RECOGNITION TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to administer an impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition training program. Under the program, the secretary must provide grants to municipalities and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to fund or reimburse them for providing training to police officers who receive advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement (ARIDE) training or drug recognition expert (DRE) training (see BACKGROUND – *ARIDE and DRE Police Training*).

More specifically, the OPM secretary may provide grants to municipalities or DESPP to (1) reimburse costs for providing the training, so long as it occurred no earlier than July 1, 2026, or (2) pay for future trainings. Municipalities and DESPP may apply for a grant in a way the secretary sets.

Relatedly, the bill establishes a separate, non-lapsing impaired driving enforcement and drug recognition training account and requires the OPM secretary to use the account funds to administer the grant program. The account must contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in it, and starting in FY 27, the bill allocates 5% of the tax received on retail cannabis sales into the account. It correspondingly reduces, by 5%, the amount of tax revenue the social equity and innovation account receives under current law (from 65% to 60% in FYs 27 and 28 and from 75% to 70% starting in FY 29).

Lastly, the bill requires the OPM secretary to annually report, starting

by January 1, 2028, on the grant program to the Public Safety and Security Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

BACKGROUND

ARIDE and DRE Police Training

By law, a DRE is someone certified by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as having met all requirements of the International Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. DREs conduct drug influence evaluations to enforce alcohol- and drug-impaired driving laws. ARIDE is a program developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with the IACP and the Technical Advisory Panel that focuses on impaired driving enforcement education for police officers.

Social Equity and Innovation Account

The social equity and innovation account’s money must be allocated by the OPM secretary for purposes that the Social Equity Council determines further the principles of equity and may include providing (1) access to capital for businesses in any industry, (2) technical assistance for the start-up and operation of a business in any industry, (3) funding for workforce education in any industry, (4) funding community investments, and (5) funding investments in disproportionately impacted areas.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)