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Raised Bill No. 6543

LCO No. 3105

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS.

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

1 Section 1. (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall, in
2 accordance with the provisions of chapter 58 of the general statutes,
3 arrange for the purchase of a sufficient number of thermal imaging
4 cameras to provide one camera to each municipal fire department, fire
5 district, and state fire department, and two cameras to the state fire
6 school. The commissioner shall, in consultation with representatives
7 from the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, the Connecticut
8 State Firefighters Association, Inc. and the Connecticut Fire Marshals
9 Association, accumulate, evaluate and approve bids from vendors.
10 More than one type of camera may be purchased in bulk. Vendors
11 shall be responsible for training instructors from the state fire school
12 on camera use.

13 (b) The state fire school shall establish a program to train
14 representatives from the regional fire schools in the use of the cameras.
15 The two cameras provided to the state fire school shall be available on
16 loan to the regional fire schools for training purposes.

17 Sec. 2. The sum of three million dollars is appropriated to the
18 Department of Administrative Services, from the General Fund, for the
19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, for the purchase of thermal imaging
20 cameras as provided in section one of this act.

21 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance public safety by making proven life-saving devices available throughout the state.

[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.]