



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 851**

LCO No. 4219

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES FOR STATE TROOPERS.***

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

1 Section 29-3a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) After graduation from the State Police Training Academy, and  
4 before becoming a sworn member of the Division of State Police within  
5 the Department of Public Safety, all state police trainees shall have  
6 received a high school diploma or an equivalent approved by the state  
7 Department of Education. Nothing in this section shall prohibit  
8 prospective state police applicants from being admitted to the State  
9 Police Training Academy without having received either the high  
10 school diploma or equivalent.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety may establish, within  
12 available appropriations, a program of incentives for state police  
13 officers who take courses leading to a college degree. The program  
14 shall require that, to be eligible for incentives, the courses must be  
15 taken at fully-accredited Connecticut colleges or universities, except

16 that if a college or university outside Connecticut offers a better course  
17 at a comparable cost, the commissioner may allow such course to be  
18 eligible under this program. Participation shall be limited to sworn  
19 state police officers who are employed by the Division of State Police  
20 within the Department of Public Safety at the time of enrollment and at  
21 the time of course completion. The commissioner shall adopt  
22 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry  
23 out the provisions of this subsection.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To encourage state troopers to pursue and complete a college education.

*[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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