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**Committee Bill No. 6299**

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL RELATIVE TO COMPREHENSIVE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (a) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall have the  
5 following powers:

6 (1) To develop and periodically update and revise a comprehensive  
7 municipal police training plan;

8 (2) To approve, or revoke the approval of, any police training school  
9 and to issue certification to such schools and to revoke such  
10 certification;

11 (3) To set the minimum courses of study and attendance required

12 and the equipment and facilities to be required of approved police  
13 training schools;

14 (4) To set the minimum qualifications for law enforcement  
15 instructors and to issue appropriate certification to such instructors;

16 (5) To require that all probationary candidates receive the hours of  
17 basic training deemed necessary before being eligible for certification,  
18 such basic training to be completed within one year following the  
19 appointment as a probationary candidate, unless the candidate is  
20 granted additional time to complete such basic training by the council;

21 (6) To require the registration of probationary candidates with the  
22 academy within ten days of hiring for the purpose of scheduling  
23 training;

24 (7) To issue appropriate certification to police officers who have  
25 satisfactorily completed minimum basic training programs;

26 (8) To require that each police officer satisfactorily complete at least  
27 forty hours of certified review training every three years in order to  
28 maintain certification, unless the officer is granted additional time not  
29 to exceed one year to complete such training by the council;

30 (9) To renew the certification of those police officers who have  
31 satisfactorily completed review training programs;

32 (10) To establish uniform minimum educational and training  
33 standards for employment as a police officer in full-time positions,  
34 temporary or probationary positions and part-time or voluntary  
35 positions;

36 (11) To visit and inspect police basic training schools and to inspect  
37 each school at least once each year;

38 (12) To consult with and cooperate with universities, colleges and  
39 institutes for the development of specialized courses of study for

40 police officers in police science and police administration;

41 (13) To consult with and cooperate with departments and agencies  
42 of this state and other states and the federal government concerned  
43 with police training;

44 (14) To employ an executive director and any other personnel that  
45 may be necessary in the performance of its functions;

46 (15) To perform any other acts that may be necessary and  
47 appropriate to carry out the functions of the council as set forth in  
48 sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

49 (16) To accept contributions, grants, gifts, donations, services or  
50 other financial assistance from any governmental unit, public agency  
51 or the private sector;

52 (17) To conduct any inspection and evaluation that may be  
53 necessary to determine if a law enforcement unit is complying with the  
54 provisions of this section;

55 (18) At the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to  
56 conduct general or specific management surveys;

57 (19) To develop objective and uniform criteria for granting any  
58 waiver of regulations or procedures established by the council;

59 (20) To recruit, select and appoint candidates to the position of  
60 probationary candidate, as defined in section 7-294a, and provide  
61 recruit training for candidates of the Connecticut Police Corps  
62 program in accordance with the Police Corps Act, 42 USC 14091 et  
63 seq., as amended from time to time;

64 (21) To develop, adopt and revise, as necessary, comprehensive  
65 accreditation standards for the administration and management of law  
66 enforcement units; to grant accreditation to those law enforcement  
67 units which demonstrate their compliance with such standards and, at

68 the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to conduct such  
69 surveys as may be necessary to determine their compliance with such  
70 standards.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand the powers of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council with respect to comprehensive accreditation standards.

*[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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