



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6299

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**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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.

71 Sec. 2. Section 7-294b of the general statutes is repealed and the
72 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

73 (a) There shall be a Police Officer Standards and Training Council

74 which shall be within the Division of State Police of the Department of
75 Public Safety for administrative purposes only and which shall consist
76 of the following members appointed by the Governor: (1) A chief
77 administrative officer of a town or city in Connecticut; (2) the chief
78 elected official or chief executive officer of a town or city in
79 Connecticut with a population under twelve thousand which does not
80 have an organized police department; (3) a member of the faculty of
81 The University of Connecticut; (4) eight members of the Connecticut
82 Police Chiefs Association who are holding office or employed as chief
83 of police or the highest ranking professional police officer of an
84 organized police department of a municipality within the state; (5) the
85 Chief State's Attorney; (6) a member of the Connecticut Coalition of
86 Police and Corrections Officers; [and] (7) a member of a collective
87 bargaining unit of police officers; and (8) five public members. The
88 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation
89 special agent-in-charge in Connecticut or their designees shall be
90 voting ex-officio members of the council. Any nonpublic member of
91 the council shall immediately upon the termination of his holding the
92 office or employment which qualified him for appointment cease to be
93 a member of the council. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be
94 appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom he is to
95 succeed in the same manner as the original appointment. The
96 Governor shall appoint a chairperson and the council shall appoint a
97 vice-chairperson and a secretary from among the members. The
98 members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be
99 entitled to actual expenses involved in the performance of their duties.

100 (b) Membership on the council shall not constitute holding a public
101 office. No member of the council shall be disqualified from holding
102 any public office or employment by reason of his appointment to or
103 membership on the council nor shall any member forfeit any such
104 office or employment by reason of his appointment to the council,
105 notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special act or
106 local law, ordinance or charter.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*