



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 110

*Senate, March 20, 2006*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. STILLMAN of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY PROTOCOL.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) As used in sections 2 and  
2 3 of this act:

3 (1) "Genuine terrorist threat" means an incident, threat or activity  
4 involving an act of domestic or international terrorism sufficient to  
5 affect public safety that is deemed credible.

6 (2) "Local chief elected official" means the mayor, selectman or town  
7 manager of a city or town.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of  
9 Public Safety may assess threats to public safety to determine when a  
10 threat qualifies as a genuine terrorist threat. The commissioner may  
11 consult with whatever agencies or officials the commissioner deems  
12 appropriate for such evaluation.

13 (b) When the Commissioner of Public Safety determines that there is  
 14 a genuine terrorist threat, the commissioner shall immediately notify  
 15 the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
 16 of such threat.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) The Department of Public  
 18 Safety shall develop a method of direct communication with local chief  
 19 elected officials.

20 (b) Whenever bomb detection personnel are sent to a location in  
 21 response to a threat received at the state level, the Department of  
 22 Public Safety shall immediately notify the local police chief of the  
 23 location of the potential threat. The local police chief shall immediately  
 24 notify the chief elected official of the municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

**PS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill establishes protocol in case of a terrorist threat, gives authority to the Commissioner of Public Safety to assess a threat against the state, and requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to develop a mechanism of direct communication with local chief elected officials. The bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis  
sSB 110****AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY PROTOCOL.****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioner to assess threats to public safety and requires him to immediately inform the Emergency Management and Homeland Security commissioner of any that qualifies as a genuine terrorist threat. He may consult with whatever agency or officials he deems appropriate in making the assessment.

The bill also requires DPS to develop a method to communicate directly with local chief elected officials, and when bomb detection personnel respond to any location because of a threat received at the state level, the bill requires DPS immediately to notify the local police chief of the location. It requires the police chief immediately to notify the local chief elected official.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

**GENUINE TERRORIST THREATS**

The bill defines a "genuine terrorist threat" as a credible incident, threat, or activity involving an act of domestic or international terrorism sufficient to affect public safety.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/07/2006)