



Substitute House Bill No. 7265

Public Act No. 07-17

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL.

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

Section 1. Section 7-294b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There shall be a Police Officer Standards and Training Council which shall be within the Division of State Police of the Department of Public Safety for administrative purposes only and which shall consist of the following members appointed by the Governor: (1) A chief administrative officer of a town or city in Connecticut; (2) the chief elected official or chief executive officer of a town or city in Connecticut with a population under twelve thousand which does not have an organized police department; (3) a member of the faculty of The University of Connecticut; (4) eight members of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association who are holding office or employed as chief of police or the highest ranking professional police officer of an organized police department of a municipality within the state; (5) the Chief State's Attorney; (6) [a member of the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Corrections Officers] a sworn municipal police officer whose rank is sergeant or lower; and (7) five public members. The Commissioner of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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special agent-in-charge in Connecticut or their designees shall be voting ex-officio members of the council. Any nonpublic member of the council shall immediately upon the termination of his holding the office or employment which qualified him for appointment cease to be a member of the council. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom he is to succeed in the same manner as the original appointment. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and the council shall appoint a vice-chairperson and a secretary from among the members. The members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to actual expenses involved in the performance of their duties.

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

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