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Substitute House Bill No. 5273
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND
TRAINING COUNCIL AND MISSING PERSONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2007) Not later than January 1,
2 2008, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall develop
3 and implement a policy concerning the acceptance of missing person
4 reports by law enforcement agencies in this state and such agencies'
5 response thereto. Such policy shall include, but not be limited to,
6 guidelines for the acceptance of a missing person report, the types of
7 information that a law enforcement agency should seek to ascertain
8 and record concerning the missing person that would aid in locating
9 the missing person, the circumstances that indicate that a missing
10 person is a high risk missing person, the types of information that a
11 law enforcement agency should provide to the person making the
12 missing person report, a family member or any other person in a
13 position to assist the law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the
14 missing person and the responsibilities of a law enforcement agency in
15 responding to a missing person report and the manner of such

16 response.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is
18 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
19 *passage*):

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

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

24 (2) To approve, or revoke the approval of, any police training school
25 and to issue certification to such schools and to revoke such
26 certification;

27 (3) To set the minimum courses of study and attendance required
28 and the equipment and facilities to be required of approved police
29 training schools;

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

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

37 (6) To require the registration of probationary candidates with the
38 academy within ten days of hiring for the purpose of scheduling
39 training;

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

42 (8) To require that each police officer satisfactorily complete at least
43 forty hours of certified review training every three years in order to

44 maintain certification, unless the officer is granted additional time not
45 to exceed one year to complete such training by the council;

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

48 (10) To establish uniform minimum educational and training
49 standards for employment as a police officer in full-time positions,
50 temporary or probationary positions and part-time or voluntary
51 positions;

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

54 (12) To consult with and cooperate with universities, colleges and
55 institutes for the development of specialized courses of study for
56 police officers in police science and police administration;

57 (13) To consult with and cooperate with departments and agencies
58 of this state and other states and the federal government concerned
59 with police training;

60 (14) To employ an executive director, an unclassified executive
61 secretary and any other personnel that may be necessary in the
62 performance of its functions;

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

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

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

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

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

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

81 (21) To develop, adopt and revise, as necessary, comprehensive
82 accreditation standards for the administration and management of law
83 enforcement units, to grant accreditation to those law enforcement
84 units that demonstrate their compliance with such standards and, at
85 the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to conduct such
86 surveys as may be necessary to determine such unit's compliance with
87 such standards;

88 (22) To appoint any council training instructor, or such other person
89 as determined by the council, to act as a special police officer
90 throughout the state as such instructor or other person's official duties
91 may require, provided any such instructor or other person so
92 appointed shall be a certified police officer. Each such special police
93 officer shall be sworn and may arrest and present before a competent
94 authority any person for any offense committed within the officer's
95 precinct.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	7-294d(a)

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Police Officer Std. & Training Council	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to develop and implement a policy concerning missing persons. The development and implementation of the new policy could result in a minimal cost to the agency associated with additional training and dissemination of associated material.

Additionally, the bill adds the position of unclassified executive secretary to the personnel that POST must employ. Currently, POST employs an unclassified executive secretary, with an annual salary of approximately \$67,000. Since POST already employs such position, no new money would be needed to meet the requirements in the bill. However, in the future, if POST chooses to hire a different classification of employee, the requirement could result in an indeterminate fiscal impact.

House "A" adds the position of unclassified executive secretary to the personnel that POST must employ, which results in an indeterminate fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5273 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS.*****SUMMARY:**

By January 1, 2008, this bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council to develop and implement a policy governing the way law enforcement agencies take and respond to reports of missing persons. By law, POST does not have jurisdiction over the State Police (see CGS § 7-294d(f)). Thus, it is unclear if this bill covers the State Police.)

The bill also allows POST to employ an unclassified executive secretary. (Unclassified employees are not subject to state civil service merit hiring, promotion, or termination requirements.) Currently, POST may employ an executive director and other personnel necessary to perform its functions.

*House Amendment "A" allows POST to employ an unclassified executive secretary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for employment of the executive secretary; July 1, 2007 for the policy development.

POST MISSING PERSONS POLICY

The policy must include:

1. guidelines for accepting reports;
2. types of information an agency must collect and record;
3. circumstances that indicate that a missing person should be classified as high risk;

- 4. types of information the agency should provide to anyone making a report, the missing person's relatives, or other people who can help the agency find the person; and
- 5. agency responsibilities and procedures in responding to a report.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/06/2007)

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0 (04/12/2007)