



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 66**

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Substitute House Bill No. 7265

*House of Representatives, March 15, 2007*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

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

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 Section 7-294b of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

3 (a) There shall be a Police Officer Standards and Training Council  
4 which shall be within the Division of State Police of the Department of  
5 Public Safety for administrative purposes only and which shall consist  
6 of the following members appointed by the Governor: (1) A chief  
7 administrative officer of a town or city in Connecticut; (2) the chief  
8 elected official or chief executive officer of a town or city in  
9 Connecticut with a population under twelve thousand which does not  
10 have an organized police department; (3) a member of the faculty of  
11 The University of Connecticut; (4) eight members of the Connecticut  
12 Police Chiefs Association who are holding office or employed as chief  
13 of police or the highest ranking professional police officer of an

14 organized police department of a municipality within the state; (5) the  
 15 Chief State's Attorney; (6) [a member of the Connecticut Coalition of  
 16 Police and Corrections Officers] a sworn municipal police officer  
 17 whose rank is sergeant or lower; and (7) five public members. The  
 18 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 19 special agent-in-charge in Connecticut or their designees shall be  
 20 voting ex-officio members of the council. Any nonpublic member of  
 21 the council shall immediately upon the termination of his holding the  
 22 office or employment which qualified him for appointment cease to be  
 23 a member of the council. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be  
 24 appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom he is to  
 25 succeed in the same manner as the original appointment. The  
 26 Governor shall appoint a chairperson and the council shall appoint a  
 27 vice-chairperson and a secretary from among the members. The  
 28 members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be  
 29 entitled to actual expenses involved in the performance of their duties.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	7-294b

**PS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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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:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill replaces the member of the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Corrections Officers on the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) with a sworn municipal police officer whose rank is sergeant or lower. The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 7265*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL*****SUMMARY:**

This bill replaces the member of the now defunct Connecticut Coalition of Police and Corrections Officers on the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) with a sworn municipal police officer whose rank is sergeant or lower.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND**

POST is responsible for training and certifying municipal police officers. In addition to the coalition member, the current membership is:

1. five public members,
2. a University of Connecticut faculty member,
3. eight Connecticut Police Chiefs Association members,
4. the chief state's attorney,
5. a municipality's chief administrative officer, and
6. the chief elected official or chief executive officer of a town or city with fewer than 12,000 people and without an organized police department.

The public safety commissioner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's special agent-in-charge in the state or their designees are ex-officio voting members.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/06/2007)