



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7025

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AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL PREPAREDNESS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 28-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) There is established a state-wide Emergency Management and
4 Homeland Security Coordinating Council to advise the Department of
5 Public Safety, the Office of Emergency Management and, on and after
6 January 1, 2005, the Department of Emergency Management and
7 Homeland Security with respect to: (1) Application and distribution of
8 federal or state funds for emergency management and homeland
9 security; (2) planning, design, implementation and coordination of
10 state-wide emergency response systems; (3) assessing the state's
11 overall emergency management and homeland security preparedness,
12 policies and communications; (4) the recommendation of strategies to
13 improve emergency response and incident management including, but
14 not limited to, training and exercises, volunteer management,
15 communications and use of technology, intelligence gathering,
16 compilation and dissemination, the development, coordination and
17 implementation of state and federally required emergency response
18 plans, and the assessment of the state's use of regional management
19 structures; and (5) strengthening consultation, planning, cooperation
20 and communication among federal, state and local governments, the

21 Connecticut National Guard, police, fire, emergency medical and other
22 first responders, emergency managers, public health officials, private
23 industry and community organizations. The council shall advise the
24 Governor and the General Assembly on its findings and efforts to
25 secure the state from all disasters and emergencies and to enhance the
26 protection of the citizens of the state.

27 (b) The council shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Emergency
28 Management and Homeland Security; the Secretary of the Office of
29 Policy and Management; the Commissioner of Public Safety; the
30 Commissioner of Public Health; the Commissioner of Mental Health
31 and Addiction Services; the Commissioner of Environmental
32 Protection; the Commissioner of Public Works; the Commissioner of
33 Transportation; the Adjutant General of the Military Department; the
34 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control; the Chief
35 Information Officer, as defined in section 4d-1; the State Fire
36 Administrator; or their designees; and (2) the following members
37 appointed as follows not later than July 1, 2004: Two municipal police
38 chiefs, one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
39 and one appointed by the Governor; two municipal fire chiefs, one
40 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and one
41 appointed by the Governor; one volunteer fire chief appointed by the
42 minority leader of the Senate; one representative of the Connecticut
43 Conference of Municipalities appointed by the majority leader of the
44 Senate; one representative of the Council of Small Towns appointed by
45 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; one local or
46 regional civil preparedness director appointed by the speaker of the
47 House of Representatives; one local or regional health director
48 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; one emergency
49 medical services professional appointed by the Governor; one
50 nonprofit hospital administrator appointed by the majority leader of
51 the House of Representatives; and one manager or coordinator of 9-1-1
52 public safety answering points appointed by the Governor. Each
53 member appointed under this subdivision shall serve for a term of
54 three years from July 1, 2004, or until a qualified successor has been

55 appointed to replace such member. No member appointed under this
56 subdivision shall receive any compensation for such member's service
57 on the council.

58 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
59 secretary's designee who shall be an employee of said office, shall
60 serve as chairperson of the council until January 1, 2005. On and after
61 January 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Emergency Management and
62 Homeland Security shall serve as chairperson.

63 (d) The council shall hold its first meeting not later than August 1,
64 2004, and shall meet at least [monthly] quarterly thereafter.

65 (e) The chairperson of the council may request the participation of
66 other representatives of federal, state, regional and local agencies as
67 nonvoting members for purposes of consultation, planning and
68 communication.

69 (f) Any vacancy on the council shall be filled for the unexpired
70 portion of the term by the appointing authority having the power to
71 make the original appointment. Any vacancy occurring on the council
72 shall be filled within thirty days.

73 (g) The council shall submit a report to the General Assembly not
74 later than January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter.

75 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 28-6 of the general statutes is
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
77 *October 1, 2007*):

78 (e) No personnel of mobile support units of this state shall be
79 ordered by the Governor to operate in any other state unless the laws
80 of such other state contain provisions substantially similar to those of
81 this section or unless such state is a signatory to the Emergency
82 Management Assistance Compact established in section 28-23a.

83 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 28-7 of the general statutes is
84 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

85 *October 1, 2007*):

86 (a) Each town or city of the state shall establish a local organization
87 for civil preparedness in accordance with the state civil preparedness
88 plan and program, provided any two or more towns or cities may,
89 with the approval of the commissioner, establish a joint organization
90 for civil preparedness. The authority of such local or joint organization
91 for civil preparedness shall not supersede that of any regularly
92 organized police or fire department. [No town or city of the state shall
93 be eligible for any state or federal benefits under this chapter until such
94 town or city has submitted to the commissioner an emergency plan of
95 operations approved by the local director of civil preparedness and the
96 local chief executive which is subsequently approved by the
97 commissioner.] In order to be eligible for any state or federal benefits
98 under this chapter, not later than January 1, 2008, and annually
99 thereafter, each town or city of the state shall have a current
100 emergency plan of operations that has been approved by the
101 commissioner. The plan shall be submitted to the commissioner after it
102 has been approved by the local director of civil preparedness and the
103 local chief executive. Such plan may be submitted with a notice stating
104 that the plan remains unchanged from the previous year's version.

105 Sec. 4. Section 28-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
106 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

107 No person shall be employed or associated in any capacity in any
108 civil preparedness organization established under this chapter who
109 advocates a change by force or violence in the constitutional form of
110 the government of the United States or of this state or the overthrow of
111 any government in the United States by force or violence, or who has
112 been convicted of or is under indictment or information charging any
113 subversive act against the United States. Each person who is appointed
114 to serve in an organization for civil preparedness shall, before entering
115 upon his duties, and annually thereafter, take an oath [verbally] orally
116 before a local civil preparedness officer or officers empowered by the
117 [director] commissioner to enlist volunteers, which oath shall be

