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Substitute Senate Bill No. 443

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The Committee on Legislative Management reported through SEN. WILLIAMS, D. of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH, THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FLAG AND A TASK FORCE ON THE HIRING PATTERNS OF THE STATE POLICE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study hiring patterns of the Division of State Police within the
3 Department of Public Safety. Such study shall include, but not be
4 limited to, an examination of the hiring, training and promotion
5 processes and assignment of police personnel.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
8 one of whom shall be a representative of a state-wide organization
9 working for gender equality in law enforcement;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one

11 of whom shall be a representative of a state-wide organization
12 working for racial and ethnic equality in law enforcement;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

19 (7) The Commissioner of Public Safety, or the commissioner's
20 designee; and

21 (8) Two members appointed by the Governor.

22 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
23 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
24 of the General Assembly.

25 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
26 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
27 filled by the appointing authority.

28 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
29 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
30 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
31 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
32 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
35 safety shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall submit a
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

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 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Legislative Management	GF - Cost	Minimal	None
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to study the hiring patterns of the State Police. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Public Safety and Security Committee by January 1, 2009.

The bill permits members of the General Assembly to participate on the task force, and requires the staff of the Public Safety and Security Committee to provide administrative assistance. The Office of Legislative Management would incur minimal costs associated with mileage reimbursement of 50.5 cents per mile for legislators participating on the task force.

The bill also designates the month of September each year to be Public Safety Awareness Month, and gives the Governor authority to designate suitable exercises to increase public safety awareness. The bill could result in a minimal¹ cost to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) associated with advertising and administrative costs.

Additionally, the bill requires that all three Connecticut State Police district headquarters and 12 troop barracks throughout the state fly the

¹ The Office of Fiscal Analysis defines any fiscal impact less than \$50,000 as "minimal."

flag that represents the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. each day in September. Each flag costs approximately \$50, resulting in a total cost to DPS of approximately \$750 in FY 09. These flags could be reused in FY 10 and into the out years at no additional cost.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 443*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH, THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL FLAG AND A TASK FORCE ON THE HIRING PATTERNS OF THE STATE POLICE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes an 11-member task force consisting of the public safety commissioner and legislative and gubernatorial appointees to study State Police hiring patterns. The study must include an examination of the hiring, training, and promotion processes and assignment of police personnel.

The bill also requires the governor to proclaim September of each year Public Safety Awareness month to heighten public awareness of public safety issues. Suitable exercises must be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates. All State Police district headquarters and troop barracks must fly the flag that represents the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. in front of such headquarters or barracks every day of the month.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for the task force; October 1, 2008 for the Public Safety Awareness Month declaration.

TASK FORCE

The task force consists of the public safety commissioner (or his designee) and 10 members appointed by the governor and legislative leaders as follows:

<i>Number of Appointments</i>	<i>Appointing Authority</i>
2 (one representing a statewide organization working for gender	House speaker

equality in law enforcement)	
2 (one representing a statewide organization working for racial and ethnic equality in law enforcement)	Senate president pro tem
1	House majority leader
1	Senate majority leader
1	House minority leader
1	Senate minority leader
2	Governor

All the legislative appointments may be legislators. All appointments must be made within 30 days after the bill's effective date (upon passage). The House speaker and Senate president pro tempore must select the chairpersons from among the members. The chairpersons must schedule the first meeting within 60 days after the bill takes effect. Appointing authorities are responsible for filling vacancies.

The Public Safety and Security Committee's administrative staff serve as administrative staff for the task force.

By January 1, 2009, the task force must submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Public Safety and Security Committee. The report must include recommendations on changes needed in the way the State Police trains, assigns, and promotes personnel to provide a fair, efficient, and effective career ladder.

The task force terminates on the date it submits the report or on January 1, 2009, whichever is later.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)

Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/12/2008)