



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6326

House of Representatives, March 19, 2009

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-29a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subdivision (53) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (53) The Governor shall proclaim the month of September of
4 each year to be Public Safety Awareness Month to heighten public
5 awareness of public safety issues. Suitable exercises shall be held in the
6 State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the
7 observance of the month. Each of the district headquarters and troop
8 barracks of the Division of State Police within the Department of
9 Public Safety shall fly the flag that represents the National Law
10 Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. in front of such
11 headquarters or barracks for each day of said month.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill 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 flag that represents the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. each day in September. Each flag costs approximately \$65, resulting in a total cost to DPS of approximately \$975 in FY 10. These flags could be reused in FY 11 and into the out years at no additional cost.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact associated with advertising and administrative costs would continue into the out years subject to inflation.

Source(s): National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund website

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

(<http://www.nleomf.org/html/category/9.html>)

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the governor to proclaim September of each year as Public Safety Awareness Month to heighten public awareness of public safety issues. It requires (1) suitable exercises to be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates and (2) all State Police district headquarters and troop barracks to fly the flag that represents the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. in front of their headquarters or barracks every day of the month.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 20 Nay 0 (02/17/2009)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/06/2009)