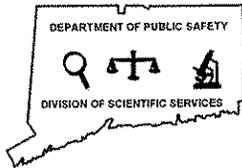




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SB 680 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR STATE TROOPERS

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

This bill would permit any full-time sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety to attend courses at a regional community college at no cost, provided space is available to accommodate such member and that no cost is incurred by the regional community college.

The Connecticut State Police Department supports this attempt to provide opportunities for state police officers to continue and diversify their education through attending courses at community colleges. The nature of law enforcement requires a police officer to be prepared to face an amazing variety of challenges. With this in mind, the Connecticut State Police seek the best candidates during our selection process, including applicants who have advanced degrees, either at the Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree level. The agency also recognizes that continuing education is necessary for optimum performance. This bill could facilitate that continuing education.

Sincerely,

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