



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 201**

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Senate Bill No. 311

*Senate, March 30, 2010*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through SEN. PRAGUE of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTABLES AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In the event of any conflict  
2 between (1) the provisions of the Connecticut Resident Trooper  
3 Administration and Operations Manual of the Department of Public  
4 Safety, where said manual has been signed by a constable who is  
5 under the supervision of the Division of State Police within the  
6 Department of Public Safety, and (2) the provisions of a collective  
7 bargaining agreement between the collective bargaining unit such  
8 constable is a part of and a town, such collective bargaining agreement  
9 shall take precedence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable C/R*

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**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

This bill allows the collective bargaining agreement of a constable to take precedence over the Resident State Trooper Administration and Operations manual in the event of conflict. This could result in a potential cost or a potential savings to a municipality depending on the type of conflict contested. It is anticipated that few such conflicts would generate either a municipal cost or savings. Currently there are thirty-four Resident State Trooper towns with a constabulary.<sup>1</sup>

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of conflicts arising between the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Resident State Trooper Administration and Operations Manual.

<sup>1</sup> In total, there are fifty-six Resident State Trooper Towns.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 311*****AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTABLES AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

Constables supervised by the State Police in towns with resident troopers must sign the Resident Trooper Administration and Operations Manual, which governs the operation of the resident trooper program. This bill requires that if the manual's provisions conflict with any provisions in a constable's collective bargaining agreement with the town, the collective bargaining agreement takes precedence.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/09/2010)

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 10 Nay 1 (03/16/2010)