



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 294**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1036

*Senate, March 30, 2011*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERALS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-2b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs shall cause to be erected at  
4 the grave of any person who has served as Governor, Lieutenant  
5 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney  
6 General or member of the General Assembly of this state and who died  
7 or dies subsequent to January 1, 1971, a footstone, marked with the  
8 seal of the state, the name of the deceased, the date of his or her death  
9 and the office or offices in which he or she served and the dates such  
10 service was rendered. The commissioner shall also provide for such  
11 grave a flag holder and a Connecticut state flag. At the request of the  
12 next of kin of any such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
13 the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, the

14 Commissioner of Public Safety shall provide an honor guard of six  
15 state policemen to attend the funeral and burial of such officer. At the  
16 request of the next of kin of any such member of the General  
17 Assembly, the executive director of the Joint Committee on Legislative  
18 Management shall direct the chief of police of the Office of State  
19 Capitol Police to provide an honor guard of State Capitol police  
20 officers to attend the funeral and burial of such member, provided  
21 such funeral and burial take place in the state of Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	3-2b

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management to provide an honor guard only if a funeral and burial take place in state. In the past three years there have been a total of five in-state honor guards requested. Therefore, this bill is not expected to result in a fiscal impact as all funerals and burials for which this service has been provided have occurred in Connecticut.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1036*****AN ACT CONCERNING FUNERALS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, the Office of Legislative Management executive director must direct the State Capitol Police to provide an honor guard at the funeral and burial of any legislator whose next of kin asks for one. This bill requires the executive director to provide the guard only if the funeral and burial take place in Connecticut.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Honor Guards for State Officer***

By law, the public safety commissioner must provide an honor guard of six state police officers at the funeral and burial of anyone who served as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of the state, treasurer, comptroller, or attorney general, if requested by the next of kin.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)