



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Sen. Eric D. Coleman, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Gerald M. Fox, Co-Chairman  
Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**HB 5548 AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection supports this bill.**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection supports legislation that will strengthen the rights and protection of victims of domestic violence. This proposed bill would provide that all state and local law enforcement agencies adopt the standards set forth in the model policy amended by the Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence Task Force that was established pursuant to section 19 of public act 11-152. All law enforcement agencies will be required to adopt specific guidelines into their current policies relating to police response to domestic violence incidents by October 1, 2012.

The agency does not see any fiscal costs or considerations to our agency in fulfilling the requirement of completing an annual report on the status of compliance for usage of the model law enforcement policy on family violence. The format will be developed to request notification of compliance only, starting on or about July 1, 2013 and thereafter.

The agency has previously assigned an agency representative to the Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence Task Force and recognizes the need of assigning a representative to serve on the proposed Family Violence Model Policy Governing Council. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection supports ongoing efforts to evaluate policies and procedures, review and update the model policy and to evaluate data accuracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reuben F. Bradford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "d".

Reuben F. Bradford  
COMMISSIONER

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