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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL TRAINING OF MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall have the
5 following powers:

6 (1) To develop and periodically update and revise a comprehensive
7 municipal police training plan;

8 (2) To approve, or revoke the approval of, any police training school
9 and to issue certification to such schools and to revoke such
10 certification;

11 (3) To set the minimum courses of study and attendance required
12 and the equipment and facilities to be required of approved police

13 training schools;

14 (4) To set the minimum qualifications for law enforcement
15 instructors and to issue appropriate certification to such instructors;

16 (5) To require that all probationary candidates receive the hours of
17 basic training deemed necessary before being eligible for certification,
18 such basic training to be completed within one year following the
19 appointment as a probationary candidate, unless the candidate is
20 granted additional time to complete such basic training by the council;

21 (6) To require the registration of probationary candidates with the
22 academy within ten days of hiring for the purpose of scheduling
23 training;

24 (7) To issue appropriate certification to police officers who have
25 satisfactorily completed minimum basic training programs;

26 (8) To require that each police officer satisfactorily complete at least
27 forty hours of certified review training every three years in order to
28 maintain certification, unless the officer is granted additional time not
29 to exceed one year to complete such training by the council;

30 (9) To develop an interactive electronic computer platform capable
31 of administering training courses and to authorize police officers to
32 complete certified review training at a local police department facility
33 by means of such platform;

34 [(9)] (10) To renew the certification of those police officers who have
35 satisfactorily completed review training programs;

36 [(10)] (11) To establish uniform minimum educational and training
37 standards for employment as a police officer in full-time positions,
38 temporary or probationary positions and part-time or voluntary
39 positions;

40 [(11)] (12) To develop, in consultation with the Commissioner of
41 Emergency Services and Public Protection, a schedule to visit and

42 inspect police basic training schools and to inspect each school at least
43 once each year;

44 [(12)] (13) To consult with and cooperate with universities, colleges
45 and institutes for the development of specialized courses of study for
46 police officers in police science and police administration;

47 [(13)] (14) To work with the Commissioner of Emergency Services
48 and Public Protection and with departments and agencies of this state
49 and other states and the federal government concerned with police
50 training;

51 [(14)] (15) To make recommendations to the Commissioner of
52 Emergency Services and Public Protection concerning a training
53 academy administrator, who shall be appointed by the commissioner,
54 and concerning the hiring of staff, within available appropriations, that
55 may be necessary in the performance of its functions;

56 [(15)] (16) To perform any other acts that may be necessary and
57 appropriate to carry out the functions of the council as set forth in
58 sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

59 [(16)] (17) To accept, with the approval of the Commissioner of
60 Emergency Services and Public Protection, contributions, grants, gifts,
61 donations, services or other financial assistance from any
62 governmental unit, public agency or the private sector;

63 [(17)] (18) To conduct any inspection and evaluation that may be
64 necessary to determine if a law enforcement unit is complying with the
65 provisions of this section;

66 [(18)] (19) At the request and expense of any law enforcement unit,
67 to conduct general or specific management surveys;

68 [(19)] (20) To develop objective and uniform criteria for
69 recommending any waiver of regulations or granting a waiver of
70 procedures established by the council;

71 [(20)] (21) To recruit, select and appoint candidates to the position of
 72 probationary candidate, as defined in section 7-294a, and provide
 73 recruit training for candidates of the Connecticut Police Corps
 74 program in accordance with the Police Corps Act, 42 USC 14091 et
 75 seq., as amended from time to time;

76 [(21)] (22) To develop, adopt and revise, as necessary,
 77 comprehensive accreditation standards for the administration and
 78 management of law enforcement units, to grant accreditation to those
 79 law enforcement units that demonstrate their compliance with such
 80 standards and, at the request and expense of any law enforcement
 81 unit, to conduct such surveys as may be necessary to determine such
 82 unit's compliance with such standards; and

83 [(22)] (23) To recommend to the commissioner the appointment of
 84 any council training instructor, or such other person as determined by
 85 the council, to act as a special police officer throughout the state as
 86 such instructor or other person's official duties may require, provided
 87 any such instructor or other person so appointed shall be a certified
 88 police officer. Each such special police officer shall be sworn and may
 89 arrest and present before a competent authority any person for any
 90 offense committed within the officer's precinct.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	7-294d(a)

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which allows the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to develop a computerized training platform to administer training courses, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6009*****AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL TRAINING OF MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Police Officer Standards Training (POST) Council to (1) develop an interactive electronic computer platform capable of administering training courses and (2) authorize police officers to complete certified review training at a local police department facility by means of the platform. By law, police officers under the council's jurisdiction must complete at least 40 hours of review training every three years in order to maintain certification, unless the council grants a one-year extension.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***POST Council***

By law, the council's responsibilities include:

1. establishing a comprehensive municipal police training plan;
2. training, certifying, and establishing minimum qualifications for municipal police officers;
3. enforcing professional standards for certification and decertification of police officers; and
4. developing standards for law enforcement units and granting accreditation to units that meet the standards.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/21/2013)