



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6523

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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 THE AUTHORITY OF FIRE CHIEFS AT CERTAIN STATE FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes or a municipal ordinance, the fire
3 chief of the fire department at The University of Connecticut at Storrs,
4 The University of Connecticut Health Center, the Southbury Training
5 School or the Connecticut Valley Hospital, or any member of such
6 department serving in the capacity of fire officer-in-charge, shall,
7 whenever any fire department or company is responding to or
8 operating at a fire, service call or other emergency at said university,
9 health center, training school or hospital, (1) control and direct
10 emergency activities at such scene, (2) order any person to leave any
11 building or place in the vicinity of such fire, service call or emergency
12 for the purpose of protecting such person from injury, and (3) have all
13 other authority provided to a fire chief or fire officer-in-charge
14 pursuant to section 7-313e of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which establishes the authority of the chiefs of the fire departments at the University of Connecticut, The University of Connecticut Health Center, the Connecticut Valley Hospital, and the Southbury Training School in the event of a service call at such facility, has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6523*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF FIRE CHIEFS AT CERTAIN STATE FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes the UConn, Southbury Training School, or Connecticut Valley Hospital fire chief, or anyone who serves in these capacities, the officer-in-charge when responding to a fire, service call, or other emergency in his or her jurisdiction. The UConn fire chief oversees both the UConn Storrs campus and UConn Health Center.

The officer-in-charge has the authority to:

1. control and direct emergency activities at the scene;
2. order anyone to leave any building or place near such fire, service call, or emergency to protect him or her from injury;
3. temporarily blockade any public highway, street, or private right-of way;
4. enter any building where a fire is in progress or near, or where there is reasonable cause to believe a fire is in progress, for the purpose of extinguishing the fire or preventing its spread;
5. generally inspect all buildings (except inside a private dwelling), structures, or other places within his or her jurisdiction, in order to prevent fires;
6. order disengagement or decoupling of certain vehicles (e.g., train) to extinguish a fire or preventing its spread; and
7. take command of any industrial fire brigade or fire chief when

they have been called (CGS § 7-313e).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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