



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 309**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5531

*House of Representatives, April 2, 2014*

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 substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING MUTUAL CONSOLIDATION OF DISPATCH FACILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) Any municipalities that  
2 enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l,  
3 inclusive, of the general statutes, to consolidate dispatch services may  
4 establish a governing board. Each municipality that is a party to such  
5 an agreement shall be represented on such governing board.  
6 Representatives of the municipality shall be appointed to such  
7 governing board by the legislative body of such municipality or in  
8 such other manner as shall be prescribed by such legislative body. The  
9 qualifications, terms of office and compensation, if any, of such  
10 representatives shall be prescribed by such legislative body, subject to  
11 any applicable provisions of the interlocal agreement. The general  
12 powers and authority of such governing board shall be as set forth in  
13 the provisions of the interlocal agreement. Nothing in this section shall  
14 be construed to grant such governing board any powers not

15 specifically provided to municipalities regarding dispatch services by  
 16 any provision of the general statutes or by any charter or special act.  
 17 For purposes of this section, "municipality" has the same meaning as  
 18 provided in subsection (d) of section 7-187 of the general statutes and  
 19 "interlocal agreement" and "legislative body" have the same meanings  
 20 as provided in section 7-339a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 1, "that is party to such an agreement" was inserted to clarify which municipalities shall be represented on the governing board.

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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.

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

The bill, which allows municipalities that are consolidating municipal public safety dispatch centers to establish a governing board, has no fiscal impact as members of such boards will be appointed, and the bill does not specify that they shall be paid.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5531*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUTUAL CONSOLIDATION OF DISPATCH FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows municipalities that enter into an interlocal agreement to consolidate dispatch services to establish a governing board. Under existing law, they may already establish advisory boards when they enter into interlocal agreements.

As is the case with advisory boards, the bill requires each municipality that is a party to the dispatch services agreement to be represented on the governing board. The municipality's legislative body must also (1) appoint, or prescribe how to appoint, the representatives and (2) prescribe their qualifications, terms of office, and compensation, if any, subject to applicable provisions of the agreement. The agreement must outline the general powers and authority of the board, which has only those powers specifically provided to municipalities pertaining to dispatch services by law, charter, or special act.

The bill applies to towns, cities, boroughs, consolidated towns and cities, and consolidated towns and boroughs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**BACKGROUND*****Interlocal Agreements***

The law also allows towns and service districts to perform a wide range of municipal services jointly through interlocal agreements (CGS §§ 7-339a-339l). It restricts the agreements to a specific list of municipal functions and services and specifies the process for entering into these

agreements.

***Advisory Boards***

These boards recommend programs and policies for cooperative or uniform action in activities permitted or authorized for the participating public agencies, and advise the agencies' public officials on the programs, policies, or activities (CGS § 7-339b).

***Dispatch Services***

These are emergency services (such as fire and police) dispatched in response to 9-1-1 calls. Public safety answering points (PSAPs) receive the calls and dispatch the services or transfer the calls to other public safety agencies. The Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications, within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, offers financial incentives to encourage municipalities to (1) form multi-jurisdiction PSAPs and (2) consolidate PSAP operations (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 28-24-1 et seq).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/18/2014)