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**Raised Bill No. 461**

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICIALS AS PEACE OFFICERS AND PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SERVE AS ARMED SECURITY GUARDS IN SCHOOLS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (9) of section 53a-3 of the 2014 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (9) "Peace officer" means: [a] (A) A member of the Division of State  
5 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
6 Protection or an organized local police department, (B) a chief  
7 inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, (C) a state  
8 marshal while exercising authority granted under any provision of the  
9 general statutes, (D) a judicial marshal in the performance of the duties  
10 of a judicial marshal, (E) a conservation officer or special conservation  
11 officer, as defined in section 26-5, (F) a constable who performs  
12 criminal law enforcement duties, (G) a special policeman appointed  
13 under section 29-18, 29-18a or 29-19, (H) an adult probation officer, (I)  
14 an official of the Department of Correction (i) who is authorized by the

15 Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a correctional  
16 institution or facility or (ii) while in the performance of the official's  
17 duties on a community assignment or joint law enforcement operation,  
18 (J) any investigator in the investigations unit of the office of the State  
19 Treasurer, (K) any special agent of the federal government authorized  
20 to enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the United States Code, or (L) a  
21 member of a law enforcement unit of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe  
22 or the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut created and governed  
23 by a memorandum of agreement under section 47-65c who is certified  
24 as a police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council  
25 pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

26 Sec. 2. Section 10-244a of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes  
27 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
28 *1, 2014*):

29 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school  
30 year thereafter, no municipality or local or regional board of education  
31 may employ or enter into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2)  
32 of subsection (b) of section 53a-217b, with any person, other than a  
33 sworn member of an organized local police department or a retired  
34 police officer as provided in subsection (b) of this section, to provide  
35 security services in a public school if such person will possess a  
36 firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, while in the performance of his or  
37 her duties.

38 (b) A municipality or a local or regional board of education may  
39 employ or enter into an agreement with a retired police officer to  
40 provide security services in a public school if such retired police officer  
41 is a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in 18 USC  
42 926C, as amended from time to time. Such retired police officer shall  
43 receive annual training pursuant to section 7-294x and shall  
44 successfully complete annual firearms training provided by a certified  
45 firearms instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the Police  
46 Officer Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C, as amended

47 from time to time. Such retired police officer shall not be subject to the  
48 licensing requirements of part II of chapter 534.

49 (c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, "retired police  
50 officer" means (1) a sworn member of an organized local police  
51 department who was certified by the Police Officer Standards and  
52 Training Council and retired or separated in good standing from such  
53 department or a sworn member of the Division of State Police within  
54 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection who  
55 retired or separated in good standing from said division, (2) a sworn  
56 federal law enforcement agent who retired or separated in good  
57 standing from such federal law enforcement service, or (3) a sworn  
58 officer of an organized police department in another state who was  
59 certified under standards that meet or exceed the standards of the  
60 Police Officer Standards and Training Council for certification in this  
61 state and who retired or separated in good standing from such  
62 department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	53a-3(9)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2014	10-244a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To: (1) Provide that Department of Correction officials are designated as peace officers when authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to serve on a community assignment or joint law enforcement operation, and (2) allow retired federal law enforcement agents and law enforcement officers from other states to serve as armed security guards.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*