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Substitute Senate Bill No. 122

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1,
2 2016, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established
3 under section 7-294b of the general statutes, in consultation with the
4 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, shall develop a
5 model policy that (1) provides training standards for armed security
6 personnel who are not certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a
7 to 7-294e, inclusive, of the general statutes, and are employed by an
8 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-
9 173 of the general statutes, and (2) identifies instructors who are
10 qualified to provide training to such armed security personnel.

11 (b) On and after July 1, 2017, any independent institution of higher
12 education that employs armed security personnel who are not certified
13 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, of the

14 general statutes shall require such armed security personnel to
15 complete training that meets or exceeds the requirements of the model
16 policy developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) On and after July 1, 2017, and every two years thereafter, such
18 independent institution of higher education shall submit a report to
19 the Police Officer Standards and Training Council concerning
20 compliance with and enforcement of such model policy.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10a-55a of the general statutes is
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
23 *October 1, 2016*):

24 (c) (1) On or before October 1, 2007, each institution of higher
25 education and private occupational school, as defined in section 10a-
26 22a, shall have an emergency response plan. On or before October 1,
27 2007, and annually thereafter, each institution of higher education and
28 private occupational school shall submit a copy of its emergency
29 response plan to ~~[(1)]~~ (A) the Commissioner of Emergency Services
30 and Public Protection, and ~~[(2)]~~ (B) local first responders. Such plan
31 shall be developed in consultation with such first responders and shall
32 include a strategy for notifying students and employees of the
33 institution or school and visitors to such institution or school of
34 emergency information.

35 (2) On or before January 1, 2018, and every five years thereafter,
36 each institution of higher education and private occupational school
37 shall (A) conduct a safety and security audit of every campus of such
38 institution or school to determine the safety and security characteristics
39 of each campus and any building or structure located thereon, and (B)
40 submit a copy of such safety and security audit to the Commissioner of
41 Emergency Services and Public Protection.

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

Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	10a-55a(c)
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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.

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

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as public higher education institutions already conduct safety and security audits which can be readily transmitted to the emergency services and public protection commissioner. The bill requires no action by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection upon receipt of the audits.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 122*****AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), in consultation with the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, to develop a model training policy for armed security guards who are employed by independent institutions of higher education and not POST-certified. The policy must provide training standards for such guards and identify qualified instructors. Starting July 1, 2017, the institutions must (1) require those guards not certified by POST to complete training that meets or exceeds the model policy's requirements and (2) submit a report to POST every two years on their compliance with and enforcement of the policy.

Starting by January 1, 2018, the bill also requires all higher education institutions and private occupational schools to conduct a safety and security audit of their campuses and campus buildings and structures every five years. They must submit copies of the audits to the emergency services and public protection commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for the training policy and October 1, 2016 for the security audits.

BACKGROUND***Independent Institution of Higher Education***

An "independent institution of higher education" is a nonprofit institution that (1) awards degrees, (2) has its main campus in Connecticut, (3) is not included in the Connecticut system of public higher education, and (4) does not primarily prepare students for religious vocation (CGS § 10a-173).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/15/2016)