



Connecticut Alliance of City Police

SB 429
Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing: 3/14/16

**Please Amend SB 429 –
AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF RESTRAINING ORDERS**

The Connecticut Alliance of City Police (CACP) is an organization whose members are 900 men and women who serve as sworn police officers in various Connecticut cities.

The CACP agrees that sworn police officers are proper professionals to serve legal process in the very important court cases involving allegations of family violence, threats and intimidation.

We are respectfully requesting that Subsection 1(g) be amended to further spell-out: (1) the process for the Judicial Branch to be assigning the "service of process work" to municipal police officers, and (2) the process for the Judicial Branch to be paying the municipal police officers for our work.

Subsection 1(g) of SB 429 sets out significant work for police officers →

When the court sends the order to the police department in the town where the respondent resides, a police officer (in that department or some other department) must find the whereabouts of the respondent -- then execute service "promptly" in person upon the respondent -- and make true return of the served order to the court -- and then send a copy of the served order to the police department(s) in the town(s) where the applicant resides -- where the applicant is employed -- and where the respondent resides.

This represents a lot of work for already busy and stretched police officers; particularly if the respondent's whereabouts is not easily ascertainable.

We respectfully request to have this legislation amended to clearly state that this work can be performed by off-duty police officers who should be paid an extra duty rate for our extra work. Thank you.

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