



Connecticut Alliance of City Police

House Bill 5547

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE
FROM: CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE OF CITY POLICE (CACP)
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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 cities across Connecticut.

The CACP certainly supports any efforts to ensure that training protocols are the best for Connecticut's citizens and for Connecticut's police officers. The process should be fair for all interested parties, including police officers.

We are concerned about the text of this bill which states that the Institute at CCSU should issue a report in accordance with "*recognized national best practices.*" There certainly could be many differing opinions as to what are the *best practices*. Law Enforcement experts and officers may have opinions as to best practices; whereas other groups may have completely different opinions. This provision should be further explained as to the standards.

In addition, we are concerned that this bill allows the Institute at CCSU to develop the report "*in consultation with . . . any municipal police department.*" Respectfully, the bill should mandate that police officers from departments large and small should be involved in the analysis and the drafting of such report.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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