



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 234***

LCO No. 1931



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF A FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section, "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-  
3 79 of the general statutes and "firearms training facility" means an  
4 indoor or outdoor training facility designed and designated for  
5 training with firearms.

6 (b) On and after the effective date of this section, no state agency  
7 shall construct a firearms training facility unless such state agency  
8 purchased or leased the property on which such firearms training  
9 facility will be located prior to said date.

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Emergency  
11 Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of  
12 Administrative Services, shall conduct a study to find a suitable  
13 replacement for the firearms training facility located in Simsbury in  
14 order to meet the firearms training needs of the Department of  
15 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The study shall include, but

16 need not be limited to, the following: (1) A description of the needs of a  
17 firearms training facility; (2) an evaluation of each firearms training  
18 facility owned by the state or available for use by the department  
19 according to the (A) types of ranges such as indoor or outdoor, small  
20 arms, rifle or shotgun, (B) capacity of each range in terms of the  
21 number of persons that can use the range at the same time, (C) number  
22 of hours the firearms training facility can be operated per day and on  
23 weekends without creating a neighborhood nuisance, (D) on-site  
24 classroom facilities, (E) potential for expansion to meet the needs of the  
25 department, and (F) environmental issues at the site; (3) the feasibility  
26 and desirability of using an existing firearms training facility or a  
27 combination of existing firearms training facilities to meet the firearms  
28 training needs of the department; and (4) a tentative construction  
29 budget and timetable for locating the department's firearms training  
30 facility at one or more existing firearms training facilities.

31 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the department shall submit a  
32 report on the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions  
33 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee  
34 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
35 public safety and security.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require (1) the construction of a firearms training facility to be located on previously purchased state-owned or leased property, and (2) the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to conduct a study regarding its firearms training needs.

*[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.]*