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Substitute Senate Bill No. 25

Senate, March 21, 2016

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL POLICE FORCES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-156b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (a) There are established special police forces for The University of
5 Connecticut at Storrs and its several campuses, including, but not
6 limited to, The University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington,
7 and for Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Southern
8 Connecticut State University in New Haven, Eastern Connecticut State
9 University in Willimantic and Western Connecticut State University in
10 Danbury. Subject to the approval of the Board of Regents for Higher
11 Education, there are established special police forces for Asnuntuck
12 Community College in Enfield, Capital Community College in
13 Hartford, Gateway Community College in New Haven, Housatonic

14 Community College in Bridgeport, Manchester Community College in
 15 Manchester, Middlesex Community College in Middletown,
 16 Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury, Northwestern
 17 Connecticut Community College in Winsted, Norwalk Community
 18 College in Norwalk, Quinebaug Valley Community College in
 19 Danielson, Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, and Tunxis
 20 Community College in Farmington. The members of each special
 21 police force shall have the same duties, responsibilities and authority
 22 under sections 7-281, 14-8, 54-1f and 54-33a and title 53a as members of
 23 a duly organized local police department. The jurisdiction of said
 24 special police forces shall extend to the geographical limits of the
 25 property owned or under the control of the above institutions, and to
 26 property occupied by The University of Connecticut in the town of
 27 Mansfield, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 7-277a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	10a-156b(a)

HED *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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Board of Regents for Higher Education	Various Funds - Cost/Savings	1,700	13,300

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a net cost of \$1,700 in FY 17 to the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) and a savings of \$13,300 in FY 18. It is anticipated that five of the twelve community college campuses will pursue the designation of a special police force. Currently Central Naugatuck Valley Community College officers are armed. The other four anticipated campuses will require new equipment including weapons, holsters and other related items. The total cost of providing such equipment is \$15,000 in FY 17, which will be offset by savings.

There will also be a savings to the campuses of \$13,300. Each campus will no longer be required to pay the \$1,000 annual fee to use the CONNECT NCIC program, a net savings of \$5,000. Additionally Manchester Community College (MCC) will no longer have to pay \$8,300 for an armored car contract for bursar's office deposits as MCC officers will take over the duties.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing savings of \$13,300 identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. Other campuses choosing to pursue the designation of a special police force would result in a cost/savings pattern as noted above.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 25*****AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL POLICE FORCES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes special police forces on all Connecticut regional community technical college (CTC) campuses, subject to the Board of Regents for Higher Education's approval. Officers on these forces generally have the same powers as municipal police officers. State law requires armed special police force members to be certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, which establishes minimum qualifications for municipal police officers and enforces professional standards for certifying and decertifying them.

The following campuses compose the Connecticut State University System's CTCs:

1. Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield,
2. Capital Community College in Hartford,
3. Gateway Community College in New Haven,
4. Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport,
5. Manchester Community College in Manchester,
6. Middlesex Community College in Middletown,
7. Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury,
8. Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted,
9. Norwalk Community College in Norwalk,

10. Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson,
11. Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, and
12. Tunxis Community College in Farmington.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 5 (03/03/2016)