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**Amendment**

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To: House Bill No. 5547

File No. 251

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING CURRICULUM AND  
EDUCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
4 to examine the education and training of law enforcement officers in  
5 the state relative to recognized national best practices. The task force  
6 shall examine: (1) The current basic curriculum and practices, (2) the  
7 instruction and delivery of the basic curriculum, (3) the feasibility and  
8 desirability of offering training at satellite campuses, and (4) such  
9 other topics as the task force deems appropriate relating to police  
10 training.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
13 who shall be a sworn officer of a municipal police department;

14 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
15 shall be a representative from the Institute for Municipal and Regional  
16 Policy at Central Connecticut State University;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives, who shall be a member of the joint standing  
19 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
20 relating to public safety;

21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
22 a chief elected official from a town with a population of equal to or  
23 greater than twenty-five thousand persons;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, who shall be a chief elected official from a town with  
26 a population of less than twenty-five thousand persons;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
28 a social scientist employed by an institution of higher education in this  
29 state;

30 (7) One appointed by the house chairperson of the joint standing  
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
32 relating to public safety, who shall be a municipal police chief;

33 (8) One appointed by the senate chairperson of the joint standing  
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
35 relating to public safety, who shall be a representative from a minority  
36 community-based organization;

37 (9) The chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of the  
38 General Assembly, or the chairperson's designee;

39 (10) One representative of the Police Officer Standards and Training  
40 Council, appointed by the chairperson of the council; and

41 (11) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
42 Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

43 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
44 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
45 filled by the appointing authority.

46 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
47 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
48 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
49 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
50 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

51 (e) The task force shall submit a preliminary report on its findings  
52 and recommendations to the Department of Emergency Services and  
53 Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council and  
54 the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and include any comments  
55 received from such department, council or association in the task  
56 force's final report.

57 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a final  
58 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
59 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
60 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the  
61 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
62 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2017,  
63 whichever is later."

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