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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist. and SEN. GUGLIELMO of the 35th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-291 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 For the purposes of this part and any other statute related to fire
4 prevention and safety, the Commissioner of Administrative Services
5 shall appoint a person to serve as the State Fire Marshal. The
6 commissioner may delegate such powers as the commissioner deems
7 expedient for the proper administration of this part and any other
8 statute related to fire prevention and safety to any employee of (1) the
9 Department of Administrative Services, [and] (2) The University of
10 Connecticut at Storrs Division of Public Safety, provided the
11 commissioner and the president of The University of Connecticut enter
12 into a memorandum of understanding concerning such delegation of

13 powers in accordance with section 10a-109ff, and (3) the Connecticut
14 Airport Authority upon any premises, road or land under the control
15 of the authority, provided the commissioner and the executive director
16 of the authority enter into a memorandum of understanding
17 concerning such delegation of powers.

18 Sec. 2. Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

20 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
21 may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone
22 or water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or
23 controlling any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission
24 [, during his pleasure,] one or more persons designated by such
25 company who, having been sworn, may act at the expense of such
26 company as [policemen] police officers upon the premises used or
27 occupied by such company in its business, or upon any highway
28 adjacent to such premises, for the proper protection of such plant or
29 property, and each [policeman] police officer so appointed may arrest
30 and take before some proper authority any person in [his] the police
31 officer's precinct for any offense committed therein. [Said] The
32 commissioner may exercise such supervision and direction over any
33 [policeman] police officer appointed as herein provided as [he] the
34 commissioner deems necessary. When any such commission is issued
35 or revoked, [said] the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the
36 superior court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such
37 [policeman] police officer shall act.

38 (b) [Said] The commissioner may, upon application of any railroad,
39 express company or steamboat company, engaged in the business of
40 transportation in this state, or upon the application of any corporation
41 owning or having control of the roads in any private residence park, or
42 upon the application of the Connecticut Airport Authority,
43 commission [, during his pleasure,] one or more persons designated by
44 such company, [or by such] corporation or authority, who, having
45 been sworn, may act, at the expense of such company, [or] corporation

46 or authority, as [policemen] police officers upon the premises used by
 47 such company or authority in its business, or upon its cars, [or] vessels
 48 or airplanes, or upon the roads and land owned by or under the
 49 control of such corporation or authority, and each [policeman] police
 50 officer so appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority
 51 any person in [his] the police officer's precinct for any offense
 52 committed therein. When any such commission is issued or revoked,
 53 [said] the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court for
 54 each judicial district in which it is intended that such [policeman]
 55 police officer shall act. Each such [policeman] police officer shall, when
 56 on duty, wear in plain view a shield bearing the words "railroad
 57 police", "steamboat police", "express company police" or "special
 58 police", as the case may be, and the name of the company, corporation
 59 or authority for which [he] the police officer is commissioned.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	29-291
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-19

PS *Joint Favorable*

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:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is expected to be no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which provides the commissioners of the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to delegate powers to Connecticut Airport Authority employees related to fire prevention and policing, respectively. There is expected to be no cost to either agency when delegating such authority, to the extent that these individuals are CAA employees, and any delegation of powers must be enumerated within a memorandum of understanding.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 889*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL AND POLICE OFFICERS AT THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows the administrative services commissioner to delegate to any Connecticut Airport Authority employee such powers as she deems expedient to properly administer any fire prevention and safety statute on property under the authority's control. The delegation must be made under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the commissioner and the authority's executive director. The commissioner already may delegate such powers, under existing law and an MOU, to the UConn Public Safety Division.

The bill also allows the emergency services and public protection commissioner to commission, upon the application of the authority, people designated by the authority to serve as sworn police officers and to have arrest powers, on property, business, and airplanes owned or controlled by the authority.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 7 (03/15/2017)