



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1052

LCO No. 6075



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE EFFICACY OF FINES AS A DETERRENT FOR EXCESSIVE SPEEDING.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to analyze the efficacy of fines as a deterrent for excessive
3 speeding. The working group shall consist of (1) the Commissioners of
4 Revenue Services, Motor Vehicles and Emergency Services and Public
5 Protection, or their designees, (2) the Secretary of the Office of Policy
6 and Management or the secretary's designee, (3) the Chief State's
7 Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's designee, (4) the Chief Public
8 Defender or the Chief Public Defender's designee, (5) a clerk of the
9 Centralized Infractions Bureau designated by the Chief Court
10 Administrator, (6) a representative of a municipal police department
11 designated by the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs
12 Association, (7) a representative of the Connecticut State Police
13 designated by the president of the Connecticut State Police Union, and
14 (8) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
15 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

16 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, the judiciary, public safety
17 and transportation.

18 (b) The working group shall study available data related to the
19 frequency of the imposition of fines for such violations, the percentage
20 of such fines that are paid, the percentage of such fines that are
21 contested, the average total amount of such fines collected in a fiscal
22 year and the estimated costs associated with the imposition and
23 collection of such fines, procedures used by police officers with respect
24 to drivers who are speeding, statistical comparisons with other states
25 and nationally and any other information or materials that may assist
26 the working group to evaluate whether the existing fines and
27 procedures serve a sufficiently deterrent purpose. The working group
28 may consult with any individuals or entities the working group deems
29 appropriate to conduct its analysis and to determine alternative
30 methods and systems that may be considered for implementation to
31 more effectively promote safe driving.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to analyze the efficacy of fines as a deterrent for excessive speeding.

[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.]