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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY FINGERPRINTING SERVICES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) The Police Officer
4 Standards and Training Council, established under section 7-294b of
5 the general statutes, and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
6 Public Protection or the commissioner's designee, shall jointly develop,
7 adopt and revise, as necessary, minimum standards and practices for
8 the administration and management of law enforcement units, as
9 defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes. Such minimum
10 standards and practices shall be based upon internationally recognized
11 standards of excellence in law enforcement and shall include, but need
12 not be limited to, standards and practices regarding fair and impartial
13 policing, use of force, response to crimes of family violence, use of

14 body-worn recording equipment, complaints that allege misconduct
15 by police officers, use of electronic defense weapons, eyewitness
16 identification procedures, notifications in death and related events and
17 pursuits by police officers. The council shall post such minimum
18 standards and practices on the council's Internet web site and
19 disseminate such standards and practices to law enforcement units.
20 The council and commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall
21 jointly develop a process to review and assess a law enforcement unit's
22 compliance with such minimum standards and practices and issue a
23 certificate of compliance with law enforcement standards and practices
24 to a law enforcement unit that meets or exceeds such standards and
25 practices.

26 (b) On and after January 1, 2019, each law enforcement unit shall
27 adopt and maintain (1) the minimum standards and practices
28 developed by the council pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or
29 (2) a higher level of accreditation standards developed by the council
30 or the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies,
31 Inc.

32 Sec. 502. Section 14-283a of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

34 (a) As used in this section, "police officer" means a sworn member of
35 an organized local police department or a state police officer, which
36 member or officer is assigned to patrol duties on public streets or
37 highways, and "pursuit" means an attempt by a police officer in an
38 authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend any occupant of another
39 moving motor vehicle, when the driver of the fleeing vehicle is
40 attempting to avoid apprehension by maintaining or increasing the
41 speed of such vehicle or by ignoring the police officer's attempt to stop
42 such vehicle.

43 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
44 in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the Police Officer
45 Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police Chiefs

46 Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Correctional
47 Officers, shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, a
48 uniform, state-wide policy for handling pursuits by police officers.
49 Such policy shall specify: (1) The conditions under which a police
50 officer may engage in a pursuit and discontinue a pursuit, (2)
51 alternative measures to be employed by any such police officer in
52 order to apprehend any occupant of the fleeing motor vehicle or to
53 impede the movement of such motor vehicle, (3) the coordination and
54 responsibility, including control over the pursuit, of supervisory
55 personnel and the police officer engaged in such pursuit, (4) in the case
56 of a pursuit that may proceed and continue into another municipality,
57 (A) the requirement to notify and the procedures to be used to notify
58 the police department in such other municipality or, if there is no
59 organized police department in such other municipality, the officers
60 responsible for law enforcement in such other municipality, that there
61 is a pursuit in progress, and (B) the coordination and responsibility of
62 supervisory personnel in each such municipality and the police officer
63 engaged in such pursuit, (5) the type and amount of training in
64 pursuits, that each police officer shall undergo, which may include
65 training in vehicle simulators, if vehicle simulator training is
66 determined to be necessary, and (6) that a police officer immediately
67 notify supervisory personnel or the officer in charge after the police
68 officer begins a pursuit. The chief of police or Commissioner of
69 Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the case may be, shall
70 inform each officer within such chief's or said commissioner's
71 department and each officer responsible for law enforcement in a
72 municipality in which there is no such department of the existence of
73 the policy of pursuit to be employed by any such officer and shall take
74 whatever measures that are necessary to assure that each such officer
75 understands the pursuit policy established.

76 (c) (1) Not later than December 1, 2018, the Police Officer Standards
77 and Training Council, established under section 7-294b, shall develop
78 and promulgate a standardized form for (A) reporting pursuits by
79 police officers pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B)

80 submitting annual reports pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
81 subsection.

82 (2) On and after January 1, 2019, the chief of police or the
83 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the
84 case may be, shall require each police officer who engages in a pursuit
85 to report such pursuit on the standardized form developed and
86 promulgated under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

87 (3) Not later than January 31, 2020, and annually thereafter, each
88 chief of police and the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
89 Public Protection shall submit an annual report to the Police Officer
90 Standards and Training Council regarding pursuits by police officers
91 on the standardized form developed and promulgated under
92 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

93 (4) Not later than April 30, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Police
94 Officer Standards and Training Council shall compile, analyze and
95 summarize the annual reports and submit, in accordance with section
96 11-4a, a consolidated report regarding police pursuits and any
97 recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committee of the
98 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
99 safety and security. The council may partner with an institution of
100 higher education in this state to prepare or to assist in the preparation
101 of the consolidated report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2018	New section
Sec. 502	October 1, 2018	14-283a