



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 188**

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House Bill No. 5304

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2018*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. VERRENGIA of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARM TRAINING NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Emergency  
2 Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of  
3 Administrative Services, shall conduct a study to identify a suitable  
4 replacement for the firearms training facility located in Simsbury in  
5 order to meet the firearms training needs of the Department of  
6 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The study shall include, but  
7 need not be limited to, the following: (1) A description of the needs of a  
8 firearms training facility; (2) an evaluation of each firearms training  
9 facility owned by the state or available for use by the department  
10 according to the (A) types of ranges such as indoor or outdoor, small  
11 arms, rifle or shotgun, (B) capacity of each range in terms of the  
12 number of persons that can use the range at the same time, (C) number  
13 of hours the firearms training facility can be operated per day and on

14 weekends without creating a neighborhood nuisance, (D) on-site  
 15 classroom facilities, (E) potential for expansion to meet the needs of the  
 16 department, and (F) environmental issues at the site; (3) the feasibility  
 17 and desirability of using an existing firearms training facility or a  
 18 combination of existing firearms training facilities to meet the firearms  
 19 training needs of the department; and (4) a tentative construction  
 20 budget and timetable for locating the department's firearms training  
 21 facility at one or more existing firearms training facilities.

22 (b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit a  
 23 report on the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions  
 24 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee  
 25 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 26 public safety and security.

27 (c) The department shall not proceed with the preparation of any  
 28 environmental impact evaluation under subsection (c) of section 22a-  
 29 1b of the general statutes pertaining to a firearms training facility until  
 30 the report described in subsection (b) of this section is submitted in  
 31 accordance with said subsection.

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

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is expected to be no fiscal impact resulting from the bill, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to conduct a study related to potential locations for a new state police firearms training facility. The agency is able to conduct this study within available resources.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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