



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 885**

January Session, 2019

Substitute House Bill No. 5152

*House of Representatives, May 16, 2019*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING AND METHODS TO DETECT MARIJUANA-IMPAIRED DRIVING.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Transportation, in consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency  
3 Services and Public Protection, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
4 and The University of Connecticut, shall (1) review research on how  
5 marijuana use impairs drivers, (2) identify the extent of motor vehicle  
6 accidents involving marijuana impairment in the state and identify any  
7 trends in accident data over time, (3) examine policies and laws in  
8 other states on marijuana-impaired driving and impairment detection,  
9 (4) examine and assess the accuracy of methods and devices that may  
10 be used to detect marijuana-impaired driving, (5) make  
11 recommendations regarding methods and devices that law  
12 enforcement may use to detect marijuana-impaired driving, and (6)  
13 make recommendations for training requirements for law enforcement  
14 officers on marijuana impairment detection.

15 (b) Not later than February 1, 2021, the commissioner shall submit a  
16 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
17 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
18 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security and  
19 transportation. Such report shall include the commissioner's findings  
20 and recommendations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) in consultation with UConn and other state agencies, to study marijuana impaired driving. DOT is currently conducting this study and therefore there is no fiscal impact.

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

**OFA Bill Analysis**

**HB 5152**

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**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) in consultation with UConn and other state agencies, to study marijuana impaired driving.

The bill requires the commissioner of DOT to submit a report to the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security and transportation no later than February 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 46 Nay 2 (05/02/2019)