

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7185

AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND ITS

Title: EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND AGENTS.

Vote Date: 4/10/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill holds municipalities or its employees harmless of wrong doing should injury result from an incident where there was no notice of violations or reckless disregard for health and safety. This bill is intended to clarify the meaning of "acts with reckless disregard" to ensure officials can adequately complete their responsibilities without fear of litigation.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE: Line 58 – 61. Adds new language: "For the purposes of this subsection, "all the relevant circumstances" includes a consideration of the balance between the magnitude of the danger and the burden of performing an inspection. "

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

none

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) supports this bill because it believes municipal officials performing their duties should be able to perform their responsibilities and not feel they will be sued should they not have all of the facts of the facility upon entry.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association opposes the subject Bill because it believes it seeks to grant immunity to acts of reckless misconduct by municipal officials.

Reported by: rJo Winch

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