AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY.

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

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a task force to study issues concerning the employment of school security officers who are in possession of a firearm while on duty in public elementary, middle and high schools. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of (1) whether school security officers should be authorized to carry a firearm while on duty in a public school, (2) who should be responsible for conducting criminal history records checks of school security officers, and (3) who should be responsible for supervising school security officers. For purposes of this section, "school security officer" means a person who is employed by or has entered into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53a-217b of the general statutes, with a local or regional board of education to provide school security services, and who is not a school resource officer, as defined in section 10-233m of the general statutes.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Education Association and one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly;
(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a representative of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut and one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a school resource officer;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education;

(5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be the chief of police of a municipality and one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly;

(6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a school security officer and one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly;

(7) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee; and

(8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) The School Safety Infrastructure Council, established pursuant to section 10-292r of the general statutes, shall conduct a study to determine whether classroom doors that can be locked from the inside and outside of the classroom should be included in school safety infrastructure criteria, developed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-292r of the general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2020, the council shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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