Public Safety and Security Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

1:30 PM in Room 1D of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 1:43PM by Chairman, Rep. Verrengia J. 020.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Cassano S. S04; Champagne D. S35; Hwang T. S28; Osten C. S19; Winfield G. S10

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Barry J. 031; Boyd P. 050; Camillo F. 151; Dauphinais A. 044; Fishbein C. 090; Fusco J. 081; Genga H. 010; Hall C. 059; Hayes R. 051; Morin R. 028; Orange L. 048; Paolillo A. 097; Serra J. 033; Simmons C. 144; Sredzinski J. 112; Vail K. 052; Verrengia J. 020

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Gonzalez M. 003

Chairman Verrengia convened the meeting at 1:43PM, then immediately called a five minute recess. Chairman Bradley reconvened the meeting at 1:48, and an action to reserve agenda items 3, 4, 8, and 10 for a voice vote was made. It was motioned by Senator Paolillo and seconded by Senator Hwang. The motion passed.

An action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed S.B. No. 402 was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo.
Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed S.B. 533 was motioned by Senator Winfield and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Senator Winfield gave further clarification on S.B. 533 to committee members.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. No. 5149 was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Fishbein inquired about certain aspects of the bill, and his concerns with municipalities. Chairman Bradley commented that the official language has yet to be drafted. Representative Sredzinski echoed Chairman Bradley’s comments about not having the full language drafted for the bill.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. 5362 was motioned by Representative Orange and seconded by Representative Genga. Representative Fishbein mentioned his concerns with the bill and made it known that he was strongly opposed to the bill. Senator Winfield then inquired if the killing of police animals was a frequent occurrence. Senator Hwang then gave further clarification on the issue and intention of the bill. Representative Vail expressed his reservations about the bill, but wants to see full language drafted. Representative Camillo echoed Senator Hwang’s statements in support of the bill. Senator Winfield then mentioned that he is unsure if the raise in felony charge will affect the rates on crime.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. 5363 was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. 6570 was motioned by Representative Orange and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Fishbein wanted further clarification on the bill. Chairman Bradley further explained the intentions of the bill; that it is an avenue for places of worship to gain information from law enforcement. Senator Hwang further elaborated Representative Fishbein’s questions about intent of the bill and noted the motives of drafting the language of this bill.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. 6376 was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Orange expressed her opposition for the bill, saying that DMV inspectors do not go through POST for police training. Chairman Verrengia then explained that they do indeed go through POST for training.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. 6391 was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Fishbein expressed his opposition, stating that he does not like outsourcing the work that can be done by union workers.

Action to proceed with a roll call vote for Proposed H.B. 6578 was motioned by Representative Orange and seconded by Chairman Verrengia. Representative Fishbein wanted to know what the Connecticut Intelligence Center Unit was. Representative Orange then gave clarification on the background of the Connecticut Intelligence Center Unit. Representative Fishbein further inquired the purpose of the Connecticut Intelligence Center Unit. Representative Boyd commented that there was testimony submitted during the last Public Safety hearing, and then gave further clarification on
the organization. Representative Vail mentioned that this was not the legislatures place to intervene.
Chairman Bradley then called a 5 minute recess

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Transportation Network Company Security Procedures was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Fishbein wanted further clarification on intents of bill. Representative Sredzinski then clarified that its intent is for the communication between ride share companies and law enforcement. Representative Vail asked if there is going to be a public hearing held on this issue after the bill is drafted. Chairman Bradley confirmed that there would be. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 19 yea votes, 5 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Public Safety and the Welfare of Repeat Juvenile Offenders and their Victims was motioned by Representative Orange and seconded by Chairman Verrengia. Senator Winfield questioned the intent of bill and expressed his reservations. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 20 yea votes, 4 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Studies of the Effect of Legalized Gambling was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Fishbein stated his opposition toward having a study done on the effects of gambling. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 17 yea votes, 7 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC University Police was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Representative Fishbein inquired if there is a law preventing universities from doing this themselves. Chairman Verrengia then explained that it does need to be remedied through the legislature. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 24 yea votes, 0 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Municipal Fire Department Training Fire Marshalls was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 24 yea votes, 0 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Gambling Commission was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 24 yea votes, 0 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Pawnbrokers was motioned by Representative Morin and seconded by Representative Paolillo. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 18 yea votes, 6 nay votes, and 1 absent.
Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Public Safety was motioned by Chairman Verrengia and seconded by Representative Paolillo. Senator Champagne asked for clarification on what this bill entailed. Bradley explained that the committee could fit legislation into this bill as they see fit. Representative Vail then expressed his concern on having a “placeholder bill”. Chairman Bradley said it is not their intent to sidestep the process. Representative Fishbein then echoed Representative Vail’s concerns on having a “placeholder bill”. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 18 yea votes, 6 nay votes, and 1 absent.

Action to proceed with a roll call to raise the concept AAC Emergency Preparedness was motioned by Representative Morin and seconded by Representative Paolillo. The concept was passed on a roll call vote with 18 yea votes, 6 nay votes, and 1 absent.

A motion was duly made and seconded to recess the meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 2:48pm.

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