AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

Section 1. Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone or water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or controlling any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission, during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated by such company who, having been sworn, may act at the expense of such company as police officers upon the premises used or occupied by such company in its business, or upon any highway adjacent to such premises, for the proper protection of such plant or property, and each police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority any person in the police officer's precinct for any offense committed therein. The commissioner may exercise such supervision and direction over any police officer appointed as herein provided as the commissioner deems necessary. When any such commission is issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such police officer shall act.
(b) The commissioner may, upon the application of any railroad, express company or steamboat company, engaged in the business of transportation in this state, or upon the application of any corporation owning or having control of the roads in any private residence park, or upon the application of the Connecticut Airport Authority, commission, during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated by such company or by such corporation, or one person designated by such authority, who, having been sworn, may act, at the expense of such company, corporation or authority, as a police officer or police officers, as the case may be, upon the premises used by such company or authority in its business, or upon its cars, vessels or airplanes, or upon the roads and land owned by or under the control of such corporation or authority, and each police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority any person in the police officer's precinct for any offense committed therein. When any such commission is issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such police officer shall act. Each such police officer shall, when on duty, wear in plain view a shield bearing the words "railroad police", "steamboat police", "express company police" or "special police", as the case may be, and the name of the company, corporation or authority for which the police officer is commissioned.

(c) (1) The commissioner may, upon the application of any independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173, owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or controlling any property in this state, commission, during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons who are certified pursuant to section 7-294d and designated by such institution. Having been sworn, such person or persons may act, at the expense of such institution, as a police officer or police officers, as the case may be, within a law enforcement unit of the institution upon the premises used by such institution in its activities. Each police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority any person in the police officer's precinct for any offense committed in the precinct. The law
enforcement unit of the institution shall enter into a memorandum of
understanding with a municipality having authority or control over
any highway adjacent to such premises regarding the authority of such
appointed police officers on such adjacent highway. Such police
officers and unit shall comply with standards and practices adopted by
the Police Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections
7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, regarding police officers and law
enforcement units.

(2) The commissioner may exercise such supervision and direction
over any police officer appointed as provided in this subsection as the
commissioner deems necessary. When any such commission is issued
or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior
court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such police
officer shall act or cease to act.

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

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