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**The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association would like to speak on behalf of the different legislations items on the Public Safety agenda.**

## **S.B. 235 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.**

The Connecticut Police Chief Association would respectfully ask to have a seat to be table to partake in this task force. CPCA acknowledges and deals with cyber security issues weekly throughout the state.

## **S.B. No. 261 AN ACT DESIGNATING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES AS PEACE OFFICERS.**

CPCA believes that this bill is **not necessary** and that instead of creating a new category for individuals to be designated peace officers, these individuals should go through the current process to become a peace officer in Connecticut.

## **S.B. No. 267 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN JUSTICE.**

CPCA respectfully **opposes** this bill, the Association sees this bill as an unnecessary bill because there are already ways in which an officer can make a formal complaint or be investigated. These ways can be done internally or externally from a department, they can also be done through elected or appointed officials on a commission or municipality.

## **H.B. No. 5284 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF PROCESS FEES.**

CPCA fully **supports** this bill for the benefit that it will give departments across this state. Currently, departments have been hampered with processing fees while conducting search warrants which has increased their cost for investigations and negatively impacted their annual budget.

**H.B. No. 5313 AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE REPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.** CPCA **supports** this bill which would help to streamline the reporting of a motor vehicle accident. CPCA supports this measure to ensure that officers are able to finish reports in a timely manner and get back on the road patrolling their area.

**H.B. No. 5315 AN ACT CONCERNING STREET RACING.**

CPCA **supports** this bill because of the parity it places between street racing and demonstrations by an individual with a motor vehicle. Both of these instances are similar in nature and are both a serious safety concern to anyone who is using the roads in this state for transportation.

**H.B. No. 5316 AN ACT INCREASING FINES FOR OPERATING SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, DIRT BIKES AND MINIMOTORCYCLES IN VIOLATION OF A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.**

CPCA **supports** this bill to increase the fines on individuals who use ATVs, dirt bikes, etc. who violate municipal ordinances. Certain municipalities have imposed stricter penalties on those who ride these vehicles and cause disruption in the community. CPCA spoke in favor of a similar bill that is currently in the Transportation Committee.

**H.B. No. 5321 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT CONSOLIDATION.**

CPCA believes this bill is **not necessary** since some departments have moved towards PSAP consolidation. In addition to PSAP consolidation, police departments from around the state are consolidating other services if it was found to be of benefit to all parties involved.