



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 391

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Substitute House Bill No. 6599

House of Representatives, April 12, 2021

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXAMINING THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT FORM USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than September 1, 2021,
2 the Department of Transportation, the Division of State Police within
3 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the
4 Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall jointly convene a
5 working group to examine the uniform investigation of accident report
6 form prescribed under subsection (a) of section 14-108a of the general
7 statutes and consider modifications to such report to address concerns
8 regarding the length of such report and the time needed by police
9 officers and other individuals investigating an accident to complete
10 such report.

11 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members, or
12 their designees, who shall be appointed by the departments and council
13 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section: (1) An
14 employee of the Highway Safety Office within the Department of

15 Transportation, (2) an employee of the Bureau of Engineering and
 16 Construction within the Department of Transportation, (3) a sworn
 17 member of a municipal police department, (4) a sworn member of the
 18 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Service
 19 and Public Protection, (5) a professor employed by an institution of
 20 higher education in this state who specializes in transportation-related
 21 research, (6) a police chief from a town with a population of equal to or
 22 greater than forty-five thousand, (7) a police chief from a town with a
 23 population of less than forty-five thousand, (8) a representative from an
 24 association representing the interests of police chiefs, (9) a
 25 representative of an association representing the interests of
 26 municipalities, (10) the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and (11) any
 27 other person invited by the departments and council to be a member of
 28 the working group.

29 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a
 30 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 32 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions
 33 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall
 34 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2023,
 35 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a working group to examine the uniform investigation of accident reports and consider modifications to said reports regarding the length of the report and the time needed by police officers and other individuals investigating an accident to complete such report.

The working group is required to submit its findings and recommendations to the public safety committee no later than January 1, 2023.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for working group members.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/24/2021)