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Committee Bill No. 122

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIT WITHIN THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE HATE CRIMES AND CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED BY EXTREMIST GROUPS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 29-4 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (d) The commissioner shall establish such divisions as the
5 commissioner deems necessary for effective operation of the state police
6 force and consistent with budgetary allotments, a Criminal Intelligence
7 Division, a Hate Crimes and Extremist Group Investigative Unit and a
8 state-wide organized crime investigative task force to be engaged
9 throughout the state for the purpose of preventing and detecting any
10 violation of the criminal law. The head of the Criminal Intelligence
11 Division shall be of the rank of sergeant or above. The head of the state-
12 wide organized crime investigative task force shall be a police officer.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) The Commissioner of Emergency
14 Services and Public Protection shall assign to the Hate Crimes and
15 Extremist Group Investigative Unit, established pursuant to subsection

16 (d) of section 29-4 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, such
17 personnel as may be required to:

18 (1) Prevent, investigate and detect (A) any activity that may
19 constitute a crime that is a violation of section 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-
20 181l of the general statutes, or any other crime that may be motivated by
21 bigotry or bias, and (B) any criminal activity by an extremist group;

22 (2) Analyze data and issue reports on (A) crimes that are violations
23 of section 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l of the general statutes, reported
24 to the unit pursuant to section 29-7m of the general statutes, as amended
25 by this act, (B) any other crimes that may be motivated by bigotry or
26 bias, and (C) any criminal activity by extremist groups; and

27 (3) Assist any law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of
28 the general statutes, with the investigation of (A) any alleged crime that
29 is a violation of section 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l of the general
30 statutes, or any other crime that may be motivated by bigotry or bias,
31 and (B) any criminal activity by an extremist group.

32 Sec. 3. Section 29-7m of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

34 (a) [On and after July 1, 1988, the] The Hate Crimes and Extremist
35 Group Investigative Unit of the Division of State Police within the
36 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall monitor,
37 record and classify all crimes committed in the state which are
38 motivated by bigotry or bias.

39 (b) The police department, resident state trooper or constable who
40 performs law enforcement duties for each town shall monitor, record
41 and classify all crimes committed within such town which are violations
42 of section 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l and report such information to
43 the [Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
44 Services and Public Protection] unit.

45 (c) Not later than October 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the unit

46 shall publish a report on the department's Internet web site of (1) the
47 information compiled under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, and
48 (2) data and reports on the unit's activities under section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	29-4(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	29-7m

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a unit within the State Police to investigate hate crimes and criminal acts committed by extremist groups.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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