



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1009**

LCO No. 4410



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2022, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall develop a  
3 model policy concerning the use of social media, as defined in section 9-  
4 601 of the general statutes, by law enforcement units and police officers,  
5 as such terms are defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes, while  
6 on duty. Such model policy shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
7 guidelines regarding the use of a social media account used by a law  
8 enforcement unit, (2) the responsibilities of any person employed by the  
9 law enforcement unit who manages and approves content to post on  
10 such social media account, (3) procedures when the unauthorized use  
11 of such social media account is detected, (4) guidelines to ensure  
12 compliance with any applicable state or federal law, (5) guidelines  
13 regarding content suitable and not suitable for posting on such social  
14 media account, (6) methods to limit indecent or obscene content on any  
15 such social media account, and (7) a prohibition on the personal use of  
16 social media by a police officer while on duty.

17 (b) Not later than July 1, 2022, each law enforcement unit shall adopt  
18 and maintain a written policy that meets or exceeds the standards of the  
19 model policy developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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

To require the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to develop a model social media policy for police departments and to require police departments to adopt such model policy or a policy with higher standards.

*[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.]*