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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6302

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"AN ACT STUDYING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the current system of public safety answering points and make
5 recommendations for consolidating such answering points while
6 prioritizing the need to ensure public safety. The task force shall
7 consider and make recommendations regarding: (1) The establishment
8 of state goals regarding consolidation, (2) the definition of regional
9 public safety answering point, (3) any challenges to consolidation
10 presented by existing collective bargaining agreements, (4) issues that
11 may arise in municipalities that would no longer have an individual
12 physically located within the municipality to act as a dispatcher at all

13 times after consolidation, (5) timeframes for consolidation, (6) where
14 and how to locate regional public safety answering points, (7) ways to
15 enhance the skills of telecommunicators, as defined in section 28-30 of
16 the general statutes, and personnel providing emergency medical
17 dispatch, as defined in section 28-25 of the general statutes, including
18 recommendations regarding training standards and performance
19 accountability, (8) the governance structure for regional public safety
20 answering points, and (9) any other related issues the task force deems
21 appropriate.

22 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

23 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Conference of
25 Municipalities and one of whom is a representative of a labor
26 organization representing employees of public safety answering points;

27 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
28 whom is a representative of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association
29 and one of whom is a representative of the Uniformed Professional Fire
30 Fighters Association of Connecticut;

31 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
32 Representatives, one of whom is a member of the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to public safety and security and one of whom is a current or
35 former director of a regional public safety answering point;

36 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
37 is a representative of the Managers of Emergency Communication
38 Centers Association and one of whom is a representative of the
39 Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board;

40 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
41 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Fire
42 Chiefs Association and one of whom is a representative of the
43 Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

44 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
45 is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Councils of
46 Government and one of whom is a member of the joint standing
47 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
48 relating to planning and development;

49 (7) The commanding officer of the Division of State Police within the
50 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the
51 commanding officer's designee;

52 (8) The director of the Division of State-Wide Emergency
53 Telecommunications within the Department of Emergency Services and
54 Public Protection, or the director's designee; and

55 (9) The undersecretary of the Intergovernmental Policy and Planning
56 Division within the Office of Policy and Management, or the
57 undersecretary's designee.

58 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
59 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
60 of the General Assembly.

61 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
62 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
63 be filled by the appointing authority.

64 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
65 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
66 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
67 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
68 days after the effective date of this section. Such chairpersons may
69 establish subcommittees of the members as needed and designate a
70 chairperson of each such subcommittee.

71 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
72 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
73 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

74 (g) The task force shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of
75 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
76 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
77 safety and security and planning and development: (1) An interim
78 report on the findings and recommendations of the task force not later
79 than February 1, 2022, and (2) a final report on the findings and
80 recommendations of the task force not later than January 1, 2023. The
81 task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such final report or
82 January 1, 2023, whichever is later."

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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