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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 122

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

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
4 section, (1) "extremist" means any person who commits, or attempts or
5 conspires to commit, a violent crime, or a crime that is intended to cause
6 physical harm to another person or property damage, to achieve a
7 political, ideological, religious, social or economic goal, (2) "extremist
8 group" means a group of extremists associated in fact, and (3) "law
9 enforcement unit" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-294a
10 of the general statutes.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
12 shall assign to the Hate Crimes and Extremist Group Investigative Unit,
13 established under subsection (d) of section 29-4 of the general statutes,
14 as amended by this act, such personnel as may be required to fulfill the
15 duties of this section. The unit:

16 (1) Shall seek to prevent and detect (A) any alleged crime that is a
17 violation of section 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l of the general statutes,
18 (B) any other alleged crime that may be motivated by bigotry or bias as
19 a result of the actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex,
20 sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of another person,
21 and (C) any criminal activity or suspected criminal activity by an
22 extremist or extremist group;

23 (2) May assist any law enforcement unit with the investigation of any
24 alleged crime or criminal activity described in subparagraphs (A) to (C),
25 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection;

26 (3) Shall compile, maintain and analyze data regarding any alleged
27 crime or criminal activity described in subparagraphs (A) to (C),
28 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection; and

29 (4) Shall share data and information with any local enforcement unit
30 which may assist in the investigation of any alleged crime or criminal
31 activity described in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision
32 (1) of this subsection.

33 (c) Not later than October 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the unit
34 shall publish a report on the department's Internet web site regarding
35 the data compiled on (1) any alleged crime that is a violation of section
36 53a-181j, 53a-181k or 53a-181l of the general statutes, and (2) any other
37 alleged crime that may be motivated by bigotry or bias as a result of the
38 actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual
39 orientation or gender identity or expression of another person."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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