

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-430
AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK
Title: FORCE.
Vote Date: 3/29/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/25/2022
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To allow for the appropriation of funds for Connecticut's firearms trafficking task force.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Senator Rob Sampson, 16th District, Connecticut General Assembly: Testifying in support of S.B. 430, Senator Rob Sampson is "happy to see" that the Committee has drafted this bill, which will "reduce the number of violent gun related crimes in our state by focusing on the primary source of such crime." According to Senator Sampson, these funds are being appropriated for a "far more effective" program than "the typical ineffective, and often unconstitutional restrictions on law abiding gun owners." Senator Sampson thanks the Committee for considering S.B. 430.

Holly Sullivan, President, Connecticut Citizens Defense League (CCDL): At one time, Connecticut's firearm trafficking task force had "nine dedicated officers," but now there is "only one officer assigned as the force is not adequately funded." In the past 20 years, this task force has removed "over 1,174 illegal firearms from the streets of Connecticut," and has "made almost 200 arrests," while also successfully tracing thousands of firearms. Therefore, the Connecticut Citizens Defense League "strongly urges the Committee" to pass S.B. 430 because "Illegal firearms traffickers have no lawful place in our state and are a danger to all."

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

David Godbout: Does not support any bills.

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