



General Assembly

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LCO No. 875



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE POWERS, DUTIES,
BENEFITS AND CLASSIFICATION OF FIRST RESPONDERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, "first
2 responder" means a police officer, as defined in section 7-294a of the
3 general statutes; a firefighter, as defined in section 7-313g of the general
4 statutes; an ambulance driver, emergency medical responder,
5 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician
6 and paramedic, as such terms are defined in section 19a-175 of the
7 general statutes; and a telecommunicator, as defined in section 28-30 of
8 the general statutes.

9 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in
10 consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative Services and
11 such state and private entities as the secretary considers appropriate,
12 shall:

13 (1) Examine the powers, duties and responsibilities of each type of
14 first responder;

15 (2) Examine the benefits available to each type of first responder,
16 including compensation and workers' compensation benefits;

17 (3) Examine the classification assigned to each type of first responder,
18 including classifications for state employees, and any impacts that result
19 from differences in classification; and

20 (4) Determine whether any differences in the benefits and
21 classification among different types of first responders are appropriate
22 based on the powers and duties of each type of first responder, and
23 make recommendations as to changes in the benefits and classification
24 of any type of first responder that the secretary determines are
25 appropriate based on the powers and duties of such first responders.

26 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the secretary shall submit a report
27 of such secretary's findings and recommendations under subsection (b)
28 of this section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
29 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
31 security.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of the powers, duties, benefits and classification of first responders.

[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.]