

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 16**

LCO No. 4199

**AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-38e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) There shall be within the Division of State Police, within the  
4 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, a state-wide  
5 firearms [trafficking] crimes and tracing task force for the effective  
6 cooperative enforcement of the laws of this state concerning the  
7 distribution and possession of firearms.

8 (b) The task force shall be comprised of municipal and state law  
9 enforcement officers and may include federal law enforcement officers.  
10 Such task force shall be authorized to conduct any investigation  
11 authorized by this section at any place within the state as may be  
12 deemed necessary.

13 (c) The task force may request and may receive from any federal, state  
14 or local agency, cooperation and assistance in the performance of its  
15 duties, including the temporary assignment of personnel which may be  
16 necessary to carry out the performance of its functions.

17 (d) The task force may enter into mutual assistance and cooperation  
18 agreements with other states pertaining to firearms law enforcement

19 matters extending across state boundaries, and may consult and  
20 exchange information and personnel with agencies of other states with  
21 reference to firearms law enforcement problems of mutual concern.

22 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
23 may appoint [a commanding officer and] such [other] personnel as the  
24 commissioner deems necessary for the duties of the task force, within  
25 available appropriations.

26 (f) The task force shall: (1) Review the problem of illegal trafficking in  
27 firearms and its effects, including its effects on the public, and  
28 implement solutions to address the problem; (2) identify persons  
29 illegally trafficking in firearms and focus resources to prosecute such  
30 persons; (3) track firearms which were sold or distributed illegally and  
31 implement solutions to remove such firearms from persons illegally in  
32 possession of them; [and] (4) coordinate its activities with other law  
33 enforcement agencies within and without the state; and (5) not later than  
34 February 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, report in accordance with the  
35 provisions of section 11-4a to the Governor and the joint standing  
36 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
37 relating to the judiciary and public safety on: (A) The number of  
38 individuals identified and arrested pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
39 subsection; (B) the number of firearms seized as a result of the task  
40 force's efforts pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection; and (C) any  
41 other activities of the task force during the preceding calendar year.

42 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Emergency  
43 Services and Public Protection shall, in consultation with  
44 representatives of a national firearms industry trade association that  
45 advocates for safe enjoyment of recreational shooting and hunting,  
46 study the feasibility of creating a state license to sell firearms and, not  
47 later than December 31, 2022, report the findings of such study in  
48 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
49 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
50 cognizance of matters relating to judiciary and public safety.

51      Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million two hundred  
52 fifty thousand dollars is allocated, in accordance with the provisions of  
53 special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state pursuant  
54 to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American  
55 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, to  
56 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for the  
57 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to fund a state-wide firearms crimes  
58 and tracing task force pursuant to section 29-38e of the general statutes,  
59 as amended by this act.

60      Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million two hundred  
61 fifty thousand dollars is allocated, in accordance with the provisions of  
62 special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state pursuant  
63 to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American  
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65 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, for the  
66 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to fund a state-wide firearms crimes  
67 and tracing task force pursuant to section 29-38e of the general statutes,  
68 as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	29-38e
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section