

**Public Safety and Security Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

Bill No.: HB-6623

AN ACT REQUIRING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AND CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR

Title: POLICE DETECTIVE AND OTHER TRAINING.

Vote Date: 3/16/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/23/2023

File No.: 273

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

Police detectives have been called upon to conduct complex investigations. There will be an understanding between the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) to develop and establish an advanced police detective training program and include a forensic science laboratory. This bill would provide greater opportunities for recruiting and educating police detectives in the state.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

- Instances of "Commissioner" are changed to "Department" for clarity.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Dr. Zulma R. Toro, President of Central Connecticut State University (CCSU): supports this bill and states that the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

(DESPP) CCSU offers three detective training programs: Basic Detective Certification, Detective Certificate (undergrad), and Advanced Detective Certificate. It is further stated that these programs cover theory, practice, modern technology, and best practices. Completion of these certificates can be applied towards a degree in Criminology or Criminal Justice. CCSU plans to expand its partnership with DESPP to provide more training opportunities in forensic science, investigative techniques, supervision, and executive leadership.

Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA): supports all training initiatives that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

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