



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5360

LCO No. 3575



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT REQUIRING FIREARM INCIDENT REPORTS FROM POLICE OFFICERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF SUCH DATA BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) A police officer, as defined
2 in section 7-294a of the general statutes, who responds to an alleged
3 crime or a fatality involving a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 of the
4 general statutes, shall complete a firearm incident report, whether or not
5 an arrest occurs.

6 (b) Each law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the
7 general statutes, shall send all firearm incident reports to the
8 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, who shall
9 compile statistics of firearm incidents and cause them to be published
10 annually in the Connecticut Uniform Crime Reports, pursuant to section
11 29-1c of the general statutes. An offense shall be counted for each
12 incident reported to the police. A zero shall be reported if no incidents
13 have occurred during the reporting periods.

14 (c) For the purpose of establishing accurate data on the extent and

15 severity of firearm incidents in the state, the Commissioner of
16 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall prescribe a form for
17 making firearm incident reports. The form shall include, but is not
18 limited to, the following: (1) Name of the individual or individuals
19 involved in the alleged crime or fatality; (2) location, time and date of
20 the incident; (3) number and identification of firearms involved; (4)
21 whether the alleged crime or fatality was committed by a person who
22 had a prior conviction that prohibited such person from legally
23 possessing the firearm; (5) whether the alleged crime or fatality was
24 committed with an illegally possessed or unregistered firearm; and (6)
25 any other data that may be necessary for a complete analysis of all
26 circumstances of firearm incidents in the state.

27 (d) A copy of the firearm incident report shall be forwarded to the
28 state's attorney for the appropriate judicial district in cases where an
29 arrest has been made.

30 (e) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
31 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall tabulate
32 and compile data from the firearm incident reports and report such
33 compilation, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
35 and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
36 general statutes.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require police officers to provide firearm incident reports and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to annually report on such incident reports.

[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.]

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