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Proposed Bill No. 5361

LCO No. 804



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS REGARDING GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY OF POLICE OFFICERS, SEARCHES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, PURCHASE OF SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT, USE OF FORCE BY POLICE OFFICERS AND PURSUIT OF SUSPECT POLICIES.

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

1 That (1) section 52-571k of the general statutes be amended to permit
2 a police officer to make an interlocutory appeal of a trial court's denial
3 of an application of the defense of governmental immunity; (2) section
4 54-33o of the general statutes be amended to restore a police officer's
5 ability to request consent to search a motor vehicle when the officer has
6 a reasonable articulable suspicion that a weapon, contraband or other
7 evidence of a crime is contained within the vehicle; (3) section 7-294jj of
8 the general statutes be amended to restore the ability of municipalities
9 to participate in the surplus military equipment program, provided any
10 proposed acquisition of such equipment is the subject of a public
11 hearing and such equipment will be used solely for public safety or

12 emergency response purposes; (4) section 53a-22 of the general statutes
13 be amended to clarify the standard for use of force by a peace officer;
14 and (5) chapter 104 of the general statutes be amended to require the
15 Police Officer Standards and Training Council to revise the model
16 pursuit policy to allow police officers to pursue individuals suspected
17 of committing certain property crimes.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure police officers have the tools, resources, training and peace of mind to protect our communities.