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**Raised Bill No. 6572**

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STATE POLICE STING OPERATIONS UNIT TO ADDRESS ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 29-4 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2023*):

4 (d) The commissioner shall establish such divisions as the  
5 commissioner deems necessary for effective operation of the state police  
6 force and consistent with budgetary allotments, a Criminal Intelligence  
7 Division and a state-wide organized crime investigative task force to be  
8 engaged throughout the state for the purpose of preventing and  
9 detecting any violation of the criminal law, [and] a Hate Crimes  
10 Investigative Unit for the purposes described in section 29-7d and a  
11 sting operations unit relating to the online sexual abuse of minors for  
12 the purposes described in section 2 of this act. The head of the Criminal  
13 Intelligence Division shall be of the rank of sergeant or above. The head  
14 of the Hate Crimes Investigative Unit shall be of the rank of sergeant or

15 above, and shall serve as a member of the State-Wide Hate Crimes  
16 Advisory Council, established under section 51-279f. The head of the  
17 state-wide organized crime investigative task force shall be a police  
18 officer. The head of the sting operations unit relating to the online sexual  
19 abuse of minors shall be of the rank of sergeant or above.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of  
21 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall assign to the sting  
22 operations unit relating to the online sexual abuse of minors, established  
23 under subsection (d) of section 29-4 of the general statutes, as amended  
24 by this act, such personnel as may be required to fulfill the duties of this  
25 section. The unit:

26 (1) Shall seek to prevent and detect any criminal activity or suspected  
27 criminal activity in the state in which an individual uses the Internet to  
28 sexually abuse, sexually exploit or sexually assault a minor, or attempt  
29 to sexually abuse, sexually exploit or sexually assault a minor;

30 (2) Shall compile, monitor and analyze data regarding any criminal  
31 activity or suspected criminal activity described in subdivision (1) of this  
32 subsection; and

33 (3) Shall share data and information with, and may provide  
34 additional assistance to, any law enforcement unit to assist in the  
35 investigation of any criminal activity or suspected criminal activity  
36 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

37 (b) Not later than November 1, 2023, the Police Officer Standards and  
38 Training Council, in consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency  
39 Services and Public Protection, shall:

40 (1) Develop, and disseminate to all law enforcement units, a  
41 standardized form or other reporting system to be used by a law  
42 enforcement unit in making an initial notification or report to the sting  
43 operations unit relating to the online sexual abuse of minors as required  
44 by subsection (c) of this section;

45 (2) Develop best practices to facilitate the continued sharing of  
46 information among and between the sting operations unit relating to the  
47 online sexual abuse of minors and law enforcement units;

48 (3) Take such actions as are necessary to inform the public of its right  
49 to report any criminal activity or suspected criminal activity as  
50 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and how to  
51 make such reports, including, but not limited to, considering the  
52 establishment of state and municipal telephone hotlines and Internet  
53 web sites that can be used to make reports; and

54 (4) Develop a model policy for the investigation of the online sexual  
55 abuse of minors.

56 (c) On and after January 1, 2023, each law enforcement unit shall, not  
57 later than fourteen days after receiving notification, information or a  
58 complaint of any criminal activity or suspected criminal activity  
59 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, provide a  
60 notice and report to the sting operations unit relating to the online  
61 sexual abuse of minors regarding such criminal activity or suspected  
62 criminal activity using the standardized form or other reporting system  
63 developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section.  
64 The law enforcement unit shall continue to share information regarding  
65 the investigation of such criminal activity or suspected criminal activity  
66 with the sting operations unit relating to the online sexual abuse of  
67 minors according to the best practices developed pursuant to  
68 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section.

69 (d) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement unit" has the same  
70 meaning as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |              |             |
| Section 1   | July 1, 2023 | 29-4(d)     |
| Sec. 2  | July 1, 2023 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a state police sting operations unit to address online sexual abuse of minors.

*[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.]*