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**Raised Bill No. 6624**

LCO No. 3730



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RETIRED POLICE AND PAROLE OFFICERS  
PROVIDING SCHOOL SECURITY AND PEACE OFFICERS CARRYING  
FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-244a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school year  
4 thereafter, no municipality or local or regional board of education may  
5 employ or enter into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2) of  
6 subsection (b) of section 53a-217b, as amended by this act, with any  
7 person, other than a sworn member of an organized local police  
8 department or a retired [police] officer as provided in subsection (b) of  
9 this section, to provide security services in a public school if such person  
10 will possess a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, while in the  
11 performance of his or her duties.

12 (b) A municipality or a local or regional board of education may  
13 employ or enter into an agreement with a retired [police] officer to  
14 provide security services in a public school if such retired [police] officer

15 (1) is a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in 18 USC  
16 926C, as amended from time to time, or (2) is a parole officer who (A)  
17 served as a parole officer for an aggregate of ten years or more, or  
18 separated from such service, after completing any applicable  
19 probationary period, due to a service-connected disability, as  
20 determined by the Department of Correction, (B) during the most recent  
21 twelve-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the  
22 standards for qualification in firearms training for active parole officers,  
23 as determined by the Department of Correction, (C) has not been found  
24 by a qualified medical professional to be unqualified, for reasons  
25 relating to mental health, to meet the active duty standards for  
26 qualification in firearms training, as established by the Department of  
27 Correction, to carry a firearm and has not entered an agreement with  
28 the department acknowledging that he or she does not meet such  
29 qualification, (D) is not under the influence of alcohol or another  
30 intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance, and (E) is not prohibited  
31 by law from receiving a firearm. Such retired [police] officer shall  
32 receive annual training pursuant to section 7-294x and shall successfully  
33 complete annual firearms training provided by a certified firearms  
34 instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the Police Officer  
35 Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C, as amended from time  
36 to time. Such retired [police] officer shall not be subject to the licensing  
37 requirements of part II of chapter 534.

38 (c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, "retired [police]  
39 officer" means (1) a [sworn member of an organized local police  
40 department] police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, who was  
41 certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and  
42 retired or separated in good standing from such [department or a sworn  
43 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of  
44 Emergency Services and Public Protection who retired or separated in  
45 good standing from said division, (2)] officer's law enforcement unit, as  
46 defined in section 7-294a, (2) a parole officer who retired or separated in  
47 good standing from the Department of Correction, (3) a sworn federal  
48 law enforcement agent who retired or separated in good standing from

49 such federal law enforcement service and who meets or exceeds the  
50 standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council for  
51 certification in this state, or [(3)] (4) a sworn officer of an organized  
52 police department in another state who was certified under standards  
53 that meet or exceed the standards of the Police Officer Standards and  
54 Training Council for certification in this state and who retired or  
55 separated in good standing from such department.

56 Sec. 2. Section 53a-217b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

58 (a) A person is guilty of possession of a weapon on school grounds  
59 when, knowing that such person is not licensed or privileged to do so,  
60 such person possesses a firearm or deadly weapon, as defined in section  
61 53a-3, (1) in or on the real property comprising a public or private  
62 elementary or secondary school, or (2) at a school-sponsored activity as  
63 defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.

64 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to  
65 the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm (1) by a person for use in a  
66 program approved by school officials in or on such school property or  
67 at such school-sponsored activity, (2) by a person in accordance with an  
68 agreement entered into between school officials and such person or such  
69 person's employer, (3) by a peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of  
70 section 53a-3, [while engaged in the performance of such peace officer's  
71 official duties,] or (4) by a person while traversing such school property  
72 for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to  
73 hunting or for other lawful purposes, provided such firearm is not  
74 loaded and the entry on such school property is permitted by the local  
75 or regional board of education.

76 (c) Possession of a weapon on school grounds is a class D felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	10-244a

Sec. 2	October 1, 2023	53a-217b
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand the types of retired officers who may provide armed security in schools and allow peace officers to carry firearms on school grounds at any time.

*[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.]*