



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

**Substitute Bill No. 970**



**AN ACT CONCERNING A DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION  
PLAN ANNEX IN LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 28-7 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2023*):

4 (a) Each town or city of the state shall establish a local organization  
5 for civil preparedness in accordance with the state civil preparedness  
6 plan and program, provided any two or more towns or cities may,  
7 with the approval of the commissioner, establish a joint organization  
8 for civil preparedness. The authority of such local or joint organization  
9 for civil preparedness shall not supersede that of any regularly  
10 organized police or fire department. In order to be eligible for any state  
11 or federal benefits under this chapter, not later than January 1, 2017,  
12 and biennially thereafter, each town or city of the state shall have a  
13 current emergency plan of operations that has been approved by the  
14 commissioner. The plan shall be submitted to the commissioner after it  
15 has been approved by the local emergency management director and  
16 the local chief executive. Such plan may be submitted with a notice  
17 stating that the plan remains unchanged from the previously  
18 submitted version. The emergency plan of operations of every town or  
19 city situated on the shoreline of the state shall contain provisions  
20 addressing an emergency caused by any existing liquefied natural gas  
21 terminal located on the Long Island Sound and every town or city

22 situated on the shoreline of the state shall submit such plan to the joint  
23 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
24 matters relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the  
25 provisions of section 11-4a, and the commissioner to obtain approval.  
26 The committee shall hold a public hearing regarding such plan not  
27 later than thirty days after receiving the plan. Not later than five days  
28 after the hearing, the committee shall (1) hold a roll-call vote to  
29 approve or reject the plan, and (2) forward the plan and a record of the  
30 committee's vote to the General Assembly. Such emergency plan of  
31 operations shall not be approved by the commissioner unless the  
32 commissioner determines that the plan proposes strategies that  
33 address all the activities and measures of civil preparedness identified  
34 in subdivision (4) of section 28-1, including, for any plan submitted on  
35 or after January 1, 2025, a domestic terrorism prevention strategy, as  
36 described in a domestic terrorism prevention plan annex, in  
37 accordance with any standards provided by the Division of Emergency  
38 Management and Homeland Security within the Department of  
39 Emergency Services and Public Protection. Each town or city of the  
40 state shall consider whether to include in such plan provisions for the  
41 nonmilitary evacuation of livestock, horses, pets and service animals,  
42 and the temporary sheltering of pets, service animals and animals  
43 trained to assist first responders.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2023	28-7(a)
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a) "and security" was added for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**PS**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*