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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND TRANSFERRING VARIOUS FUNCTIONS TO A DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AND REVISING THE POWERS AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-1b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) There shall be within the Department of Emergency Services and
4 Public Protection a Division of State Police. The Commissioner of
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall serve as administrative
6 head and commanding officer of the State Police Division. As
7 administrative head, said commanding officer of the Division of State
8 Police shall delegate said commanding officer's jurisdiction of the affairs
9 of the Division of State Police to a deputy commissioner who shall have
10 the powers and privileges conferred by statute upon a state policeman.

11 (b) There shall be within said department a Division of Emergency
12 Management and Homeland Security. The commissioner shall serve as
13 administrative head of said division. As administrative head, said
14 commissioner shall delegate said commissioner's jurisdiction of the
15 Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to a
16 deputy commissioner. The deputy commissioner shall possess
17 professional training and knowledge consisting of not less than five
18 years of managerial or strategic planning experience in matters relating
19 to public safety, security, emergency services and emergency response.
20 No person possessing a record of any criminal, unlawful or unethical
21 conduct shall be eligible for or hold such position. Any person with any
22 present or past political activities or financial interests that may
23 substantially conflict with the duties of the deputy commissioner or
24 expose such person to potential undue influence or compromise such
25 person's ability to be entrusted with necessary state or federal security
26 clearances or information shall be deemed unqualified for such position
27 and shall not be eligible to hold such position.

28 (c) (1) There shall be within said department a Division of Fire
29 Services Administration. The commissioner shall serve as
30 administrative head of said division. As administrative head, said
31 commissioner shall delegate said commissioner's jurisdiction of the
32 Division of Fire Services Administration to the State Fire Administrator.
33 The State Fire Administrator shall be recommended by the Commission
34 on Fire Prevention and Control and appointed by the Governor.

35 (2) The functions, powers, duties and personnel of the former Office
36 of State Fire Administration, Office of the State Fire Marshal and Office
37 of Education and Data Administration within the Department of
38 Administrative Services shall be transferred to the Division of Fire
39 Services Administration pursuant to the provisions of sections 4-38d
40 and 4-39.

41 (3) The Division of Fire Services Administration shall constitute the
42 successor to the Office of State Fire Administration, the Office of the
43 State Fire Marshal and the Office of Education and Data Administration

44 in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.
45 Wherever the words "Office of State Fire Administration" or "Office of
46 State Fire Marshal" are used in the general statutes, the words "Division
47 of Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency
48 Services and Public Protection" shall be substituted in lieu thereof. Any
49 order or regulation of the former Office of State Fire Administration,
50 Office of the State Fire Marshal or Office of Education and Data
51 Administration that is in force on the effective date of this section shall
52 continue in force and effect as an order or regulation of the Division of
53 Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency
54 Services and Public Protection until amended, repealed or superseded
55 pursuant to law.

56 Sec. 2. Section 7-323k of the general statutes is repealed and the
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

58 (a) There is established a Commission on Fire Prevention and
59 Control. [to] Until June 30, 2025, the commission shall consist of twelve
60 members appointed by the Governor. The State Fire Marshal or his or
61 her designee and the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and
62 Universities or his or her designee shall serve as ex-officio, voting
63 members of said commission. Of the twelve members appointed by the
64 Governor, two shall represent The Connecticut State Firefighter's
65 Association, two shall represent the Connecticut Fire Chiefs
66 Association, two shall represent the Uniformed Professional Firefighters
67 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, two shall
68 represent the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, two shall
69 represent the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association and
70 two shall represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. On
71 and after July 1, 2025, the council shall consist of the following members:

72 (1) A member of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs' Association,
73 appointed by the Governor;

74 (2) A member of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, appointed
75 by the Governor;

76 (3) A member of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of the
77 International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, appointed by the
78 Governor;

79 (4) A member of The Connecticut State Firefighter's Association,
80 appointed by the Governor;

81 (5) A member of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors
82 Association, appointed by the Governor;

83 (6) A member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association,
84 appointed by the Governor;

85 (7) A member of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs' Association,
86 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

87 (8) A member of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, appointed
88 by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

89 (9) A member of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of the
90 International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, appointed by the
91 majority leader of the House of Representatives;

92 (10) A member of The Connecticut State Firefighter's Association,
93 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

94 (11) A member of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors
95 Association, appointed by the minority leader of the House of
96 Representatives;

97 (12) A member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association,
98 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

99 (13) A representative of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns,
100 appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of
101 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
102 safety and security;

103 (14) A representative of the Connecticut Conference of

104 Municipalities, appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
105 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
106 matters relating to public safety and security;

107 (15) A member of the Connecticut Fire Equipment Mechanics
108 Association, appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
109 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
110 matters relating to public safety and security;

111 (16) A representative of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory
112 Board, appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing
113 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
114 relating to public safety and security;

115 (17) The chairperson of the education committee of the Connecticut
116 State Firefighters Association, Inc.;

117 (18) The State Fire Marshal, or said State Fire Marshal's designee;

118 (19) The forest protection supervisor within the Forestry Division of
119 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

120 (20) The director of the Division of Emergency Management and
121 Homeland Security within the Department of Emergency Services and
122 Public Protection, or said director's designee, who shall be a nonvoting
123 member;

124 (21) The director of the Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit of the
125 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services
126 and Public Protection, who shall be a nonvoting member; and

127 (22) The executive director of the Connecticut Technical Education
128 and Career System, or said executive director's designee, who shall be a
129 nonvoting member.

130 (b) On or before July fifteenth, annually, each organization to be
131 represented on said commission shall submit to the [Governor]
132 appropriate appointing authority a list of nominees for appointment to

133 said commission, which list the [Governor] appointing authority may
134 use when making appointments to said commission. [On or before
135 September 1, 1975, the Governor shall appoint eight members of said
136 commission to serve for a term of three years and on or before
137 September 1, 1976, he shall appoint four members for a term of one year.
138 Thereafter he] Appointing authorities shall appoint members to said
139 commission, to replace those whose terms have expired, to serve for
140 three years, or until a successor is appointed. Persons appointed to said
141 commission shall be qualified, by experience or education, in the fields
142 of fire protection, fire prevention, fire suppression, fire fighting and
143 related fields.

144 (c) The commission shall meet at such times and at such places as it
145 deems proper. Said commission shall elect from its membership a
146 [chairman, vice chairman] chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary
147 who shall serve a one year term commencing on October first of the year
148 in which they are elected, provided nothing contained herein shall
149 prevent their reelection to such office. No member of said commission
150 shall receive compensation for such member's services.

151 (d) Members of the commission shall not be considered as holding
152 public office solely by virtue of their membership on said commission.

153 (e) The members of the education committee of the Connecticut State
154 Firefighters Association, Inc., shall serve as a subcommittee of the
155 commission on matters relating to fire schools.

156 [(e)] (f) The commission shall be within the Department of Emergency
157 Services and Public Protection.

158 Sec. 3. Section 7-323l of the general statutes is repealed and the
159 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

160 (a) The commission shall:

161 (1) [Recommend] Establish and periodically update required
162 minimum standards of education and physical condition [required of
163 each candidate] for candidates for any firefighter position;

164 (2) Establish and periodically update required standards for [a] fire
165 service training and education [program, on a voluntary basis]
166 programs, and develop and conduct an examination program to certify
167 those fire service personnel who satisfactorily demonstrate their ability
168 to meet the requirements of the fire service training and education
169 program standards;

170 (3) Establish [an optional] a required fire service training and
171 education program in the handling of incidents, such as wandering, that
172 involve juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive
173 impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, provided the curriculum
174 for such techniques is made available at no cost from (A) institutions of
175 higher education, health care professionals or advocacy organizations
176 that are concerned with juveniles and adults with autism spectrum
177 disorder, cognitive impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, or (B)
178 collaborations of such institutions, professionals or organizations;

179 (4) Conduct fire fighting training and education programs designed
180 to assist firefighters in developing and maintaining their skills and
181 keeping abreast of technological advances in fire suppression, fire
182 protection, fire prevention and related fields;

183 (5) [Recommend] Establish standards for promotion to the various
184 ranks of fire departments;

185 (6) Be authorized, with the approval of the Commissioner of
186 Emergency Services and Public Protection, to apply for, receive and
187 distribute any state, federal or private funds or contributions available
188 for training and education of fire fighting personnel;

189 (7) Recommend that the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
190 Public Protection approve or reject the establishment of, or, when
191 appropriate, suspend or revoke the approval of, regional fire schools in
192 accordance with section 7-323u; [and]

193 (8) Distribute any state, federal or private funds or contributions for
194 the daily operation of the state fire school and regional fire schools; and

195 [(8)] (9) Submit to the Governor, the [Joint Legislative Management
196 Committee of the General Assembly] joint standing committee of the
197 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
198 and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, and the
199 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection an annual
200 report (A) relating to the activities, recommendations and
201 accomplishments of the commission, and (B) making recommendations
202 on the funding necessary for the operation of, the maintenance of and
203 capital improvements to the state fire school and regional fire schools.

204 (b) The commission may recommend, and the Commissioner of
205 Emergency Services and Public Protection may adopt, regulations in
206 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 as necessary to implement
207 the provisions of this section.

208 Sec. 4. Section 7-323n of the general statutes is repealed and the
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

210 [There is established an Office of State Fire Administration, which
211 office] The Division of State Fire Services Administration within the
212 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall: [(a)] (1)
213 Carry out the provisions of this part; [(b)] (2) administer the state's
214 responsibilities under federal laws relevant to fire service; [(c)] (3)
215 develop a master plan for fire prevention and control; and [(d)] (4) carry
216 out any other function which the commission may devise. [Subject to
217 the provisions of chapter 67, the commission may appoint such clerical
218 and other assistants as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions
219 of this section.]

220 Sec. 5. Section 7-323o of the general statutes is repealed and the
221 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

222 [There is established the position of State Fire Administrator who
223 shall be recommended by the Commission on Fire Prevention and
224 Control and appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
225 Public Protection and who] (a) The Division of Fire Services
226 Administration shall:

- 227 [(1) Carry out the requirements of section 7-323n; (2) administer]
- 228 (1) Administer federal funds and grants allocated to the fire services
229 of the state; [(3) provide]
- 230 (2) Provide technical assistance and guidance to fire fighting forces of
231 any state or municipal agency; [(4) develop]
- 232 (3) Develop a centralized information and audiovisual library
233 regarding fire prevention and control; [(5) accumulate]
- 234 (4) Accumulate, disseminate and analyze fire prevention data; [(6)
235 recommend]
- 236 (5) Recommend specifications of fire service materials and equipment
237 and assist in the purchasing thereof; [(7) assist]
- 238 (6) Assist in mutual aid coordination; [(8) coordinate]
- 239 (7) Coordinate fire programs with those of the other states; [(9) assist]
- 240 (8) Assist in communications coordination; [(10) establish]
- 241 (9) Establish and maintain a fire service information program; [and
242 (11) review]
- 243 (10) Review the purchase of fire apparatus or equipment at state
244 institutions, facilities and properties; [and, on and after July 1, 1985,
245 coordinate the training and education of fire service personnel at such
246 institutions, facilities and properties.]
- 247 (11) Recommend and provide reports on revisions to statutes relating
248 to firefighter training and fire prevention and control;
- 249 (12) Advise and assist the Commission on Fire Prevention and
250 Control regarding legislative proposals;
- 251 (13) Encourage the expansion and improvement of existing local
252 firefighter training facilities in cooperation with the Commission on Fire
253 Prevention and Control;

254 (14) Administer the state fire school;

255 (15) Administer certification examinations, testing procedures and
256 reciprocity recognition for credentials in the fire service disciplines; and

257 (16) Make recommendations to the Commission on Fire Prevention
258 and Control pertaining to the operational funding of the state fire school
259 and regional fire schools.

260 (b) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to
261 forest fire prevention and control programs administered by the
262 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to
263 sections 23-33 to 23-57, inclusive.

264 Sec. 6. Section 5-198 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is
265 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
266 *2025*):

267 The offices and positions filled by the following-described
268 incumbents shall be exempt from the classified service:

269 (1) All officers and employees of the Judicial Department;

270 (2) All officers and employees of the Legislative Department;

271 (3) All officers elected by popular vote;

272 (4) All agency heads, members of boards and commissions and other
273 officers appointed by the Governor;

274 (5) All persons designated by name in any special act to hold any state
275 office;

276 (6) All officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men in the
277 military or naval service of the state and under military or naval
278 discipline and control;

279 (7) (A) All correctional wardens, as provided in section 18-82, and (B)
280 all superintendents of state institutions, the State Librarian, the

281 president of The University of Connecticut and any other commissioner
282 or administrative head of a state department or institution who is
283 appointed by a board or commission responsible by statute for the
284 administration of such department or institution;

285 (8) The State Historian appointed by the State Library Board;

286 (9) Deputies to the administrative head of each department or
287 institution designated by statute to act for and perform all of the duties
288 of such administrative head during such administrative head's absence
289 or incapacity;

290 (10) Executive assistants to each state elective officer and each
291 department head, as defined in section 4-5, provided (A) each position
292 of executive assistant shall have been created in accordance with section
293 5-214, and (B) in no event shall the Commissioner of Administrative
294 Services or the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
295 approve more than four executive assistants for a department head and,
296 for any department with two or more deputies, more than two executive
297 assistants for each such deputy;

298 (11) One personal secretary to the administrative head and to each
299 undersecretary or deputy to such head of each department or
300 institution;

301 (12) All members of the professional and technical staffs of the
302 constituent units of the state system of higher education, as defined in
303 section 10a-1, of all other state institutions of learning, of the Board of
304 Regents for Higher Education, and of the agricultural experiment
305 station at New Haven, professional and managerial employees of the
306 Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood, teachers
307 and administrators employed by the Technical Education and Career
308 System and teachers certified by the State Board of Education and
309 employed in teaching positions at state institutions;

310 (13) Physicians, dentists, student nurses in institutions and other
311 professional specialists who are employed on a part-time basis;

312 (14) Persons employed to make or conduct a special inquiry,
313 investigation, examination or installation;

314 (15) Students in educational institutions who are employed on a part-
315 time basis;

316 (16) Forest fire wardens provided for by section 23-36;

317 (17) Patients or inmates of state institutions who receive
318 compensation for services rendered therein;

319 (18) Employees of the Governor including employees working at the
320 executive office, official executive residence at 990 Prospect Avenue,
321 Hartford and the Washington D.C. office;

322 (19) Persons filling positions expressly exempted by statute from the
323 classified service;

324 (20) Librarians employed by the State Board of Education or any
325 constituent unit of the state system of higher education;

326 (21) All officers and employees of the Division of Criminal Justice;

327 (22) Professional employees in the education professions bargaining
328 unit of the Department of Aging and Disability Services;

329 (23) Lieutenant colonels in the Division of State Police within the
330 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

331 (24) The Deputy State Fire Marshal within the Department of
332 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection;

333 (25) The chief administrative officer of the Workers' Compensation
334 Commission;

335 (26) Employees in the education professions bargaining unit;

336 (27) Disability policy specialists employed by the Council on
337 Developmental Disabilities;

338 (28) The director for digital media and motion picture activities in the
339 Department of Economic and Community Development; and

340 (29) Any Director of Communications 1, Director of Communications
341 1 (Rc), Director of Communications 2, Director of Communications 2
342 (Rc), Legislative Program Manager, Communications and Legislative
343 Program Manager, Director of Legislation, Regulation and
344 Communication, Legislative and Administrative Advisor 1, or
345 Legislative and Administrative Advisor 2 as such positions are
346 classified within the Executive Department.

347 Sec. 7. Section 7-313m of the general statutes is repealed and the
348 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

349 (a) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the chief
350 of a volunteer fire department for a distressed municipality, as defined
351 in section 32-9p, shall submit to the [State Fire Administrator] Division
352 of Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency
353 Services and Public Protection a report on the yearly average of the
354 number of volunteer firefighters from such municipality's volunteer fire
355 department who enrolled in Firefighter I certification and recruit
356 training based on the preceding four years, except the year commencing
357 January 1, 2020, shall not be included in any such four preceding years
358 for purposes of calculating such average.

359 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year
360 thereafter, the [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services
361 Administration shall award a grant to any distressed municipality with
362 a volunteer fire department for the purposes of covering costs related to
363 the provision of Firefighter I certification and recruit training for
364 volunteer firefighters at regional fire schools. The amount of such grant
365 award for each such distressed municipality shall be equal to the
366 product of (1) the average cost of a Firefighter I certification and recruit
367 training program at a regional fire school, and (2) the average number
368 of volunteer firefighters from such distressed municipality's volunteer
369 fire department who enrolled at a regional fire school for such
370 certification and training.

371 (c) Not later than February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the [State
372 Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services Administration shall
373 submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint
374 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
375 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies a
376 report on the (1) reports submitted by the chiefs of volunteer fire
377 departments of distressed municipalities pursuant to subsection (a) of
378 this section, and (2) average cost of a Firefighter I certification and
379 recruit training program at a regional fire school.

380 Sec. 8. Section 7-323s of the general statutes is repealed and the
381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

382 (a) The [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services
383 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and
384 Public Protection, within available appropriations, shall develop model
385 guidelines, on or before January 1, 2007, to be used by municipalities
386 with paid municipal emergency personnel and municipalities with
387 volunteer emergency personnel in entering into agreements authorizing
388 volunteer emergency personnel to serve during personal time.

389 (b) A municipality with paid municipal emergency personnel and a
390 municipality with volunteer emergency personnel may enter into an
391 agreement authorizing paid emergency personnel to serve during
392 personal time as active members of a volunteer fire department in the
393 municipality in which they reside. In developing such agreements, such
394 municipalities shall consider the model guidelines developed by the
395 [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services Administration
396 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
397 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

398 (c) The municipalities that are parties to an agreement entered into
399 under subsection (b) of this section may request the Labor
400 Commissioner to provide assistance, within available appropriations, in
401 resolving such issues arising out of the agreement as the commissioner
402 deems appropriate.

403 Sec. 9. Section 7-323v of the general statutes is repealed and the
404 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

405 (a) The [State Fire Administrator] Division of Fire Services
406 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and
407 Public Protection shall, within available appropriations, pay five
408 hundred dollars to each volunteer fire company for each call to which it
409 responds on (1) a limited access highway, designated pursuant to
410 section 13b-27, (2) the section of the highway known as the Berlin
411 Turnpike, which begins at the end of the existing Wilbur Cross Parkway
412 in the town of Meriden and extends northerly along Route 15 to the
413 beginning of a section of limited access highway in the town of
414 Wethersfield known as South Meadows Expressway, or (3) the section
415 of Route 8 in the town of Beacon Falls which is within the boundaries of
416 the Naugatuck State Forest.

417 (b) No municipality that provides funds to a volunteer fire company
418 may reduce such funding based on the payments that such company
419 receives, or is anticipated to receive, under subsection (a) of this section.

420 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 14-103d of the general statutes is
421 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
422 *2025*):

423 (a) No motor vehicle which uses any pressurized gas except natural
424 gas or hydrogen as a fuel for its engine may enter or be parked in any
425 area that is under grade level. Any vehicle within the state which carries
426 any pressurized gas as its fuel in a tank attached to the vehicle in any
427 concealed area, including, but not limited to, trunks, compartments or
428 under such vehicle, except a vehicle that is in compliance with all
429 applicable federal codes and standards for light duty passenger use,
430 shall have displayed on its exterior the words "Pressurized Flammable
431 Gas" or a standard abbreviation or symbol as determined by the [Office
432 of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services Administration
433 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
434 block letters at least two inches high, which letters shall be of contrasting
435 colors and shall be placed as near as possible to the area where the tank

436 is located. No person may dispense any pressurized gas used as a
437 vehicle fuel into any tank in a concealed area of a vehicle unless the
438 vehicle is in compliance with the requirements of this subsection. The
439 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations in accordance
440 with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this
441 section.

442 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 19a-510a of the general statutes is
443 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
444 *2025*):

445 (a) The attending physician, the director of a health care institution,
446 his designee, or any health care provider shall report the provision of
447 treatment for (1) a second or third degree burn to five per cent or more
448 of the body, (2) any burn to the upper respiratory tract, (3) laryngeal
449 edema due to the inhalation of superheated air, (4) each case of a burn
450 injury which is likely to or may result in death, and (5) any injury
451 resulting from the use of fireworks, immediately, by telephone, to the
452 local fire marshal of the jurisdiction where the incident which caused
453 the burn occurred, and within forty-eight hours, in writing, to the
454 [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services
455 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and
456 Public Protection on forms provided by that office. The office shall
457 compile the information and publish a statistical abstract to be
458 submitted annually to local fire marshals and the General Assembly.

459 Sec. 12. Subdivision (10) of section 20-330 of the general statutes is
460 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
461 *2025*):

462 (10) "State Fire Marshal" means the State Fire Marshal appointed by
463 the Commissioner of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and
464 Public Protection;

465 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 29-1ff of the general statutes is
466 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
467 *2025*):

468 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
469 in consultation with [the Commissioner of Administrative Services,] the
470 State Fire Marshal, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
471 and the chairman of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control,
472 shall, within available appropriations, establish and administer a pilot
473 program for the purpose of implementing a data collection system
474 related to fire and rescue service delivery in the state. For a period of
475 three years commencing from July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall
476 administer such pilot program in any local or regional fire department
477 or district that has self-identified as challenged or in crisis regarding the
478 delivery of fire and rescue services.

479 Sec. 14. Section 29-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
480 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

481 There shall be [(1) an Office of the State Fire Marshal, and (2)] an
482 Office of the State Building Inspector, within the Department of
483 Administrative Services. The head of [each] said office shall report to the
484 Commissioner of Administrative Services.

485 Sec. 15. Section 29-291 of the general statutes is repealed and the
486 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

487 For the purposes of this part and any other statute related to fire
488 prevention and safety, the Commissioner of [Administrative Services]
489 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall appoint a person to
490 serve as the State Fire Marshal. The commissioner may delegate such
491 powers as the commissioner deems expedient for the proper
492 administration of this part and any other statute related to fire
493 prevention and safety to any employee of (1) the Department of
494 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection, (2)
495 The University of Connecticut at Storrs Division of Public Safety,
496 provided the commissioner and the president of The University of
497 Connecticut enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning
498 such delegation of powers in accordance with section 10a-109ff, and (3)
499 the Connecticut Airport Authority upon any premises, road or land
500 under the control of the authority, provided the commissioner and the

501 executive director of the authority enter into a memorandum of
502 understanding concerning such delegation of powers.

503 Sec. 16. Section 29-291e of the general statutes is repealed and the
504 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

505 (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a
506 proposal by the State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory
507 committee for a new State Fire Prevention Code or for a change in,
508 addition to or repeal of any provision of the State Fire Prevention Code
509 and "advisory committee" means the advisory committee established
510 under subsection (b) of section 29-291a.

511 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54, the adoption of the
512 State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments thereto shall not be
513 required to comply with the provisions of chapter 54, except as provided
514 in this section.

515 (c) Prior to the adoption of the State Fire Prevention Code and any
516 amendments thereto, the State Fire Marshal shall (1) post any proposed
517 code, a statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed,
518 a fiscal note associated with compliance with the proposed code
519 prepared pursuant to section 4-168 and a regulatory flexibility analysis
520 prepared pursuant to section 4-168a on the Internet web site of the
521 Department of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and
522 Public Protection, (2) give notice electronically to the joint standing
523 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
524 relating to public safety and security, (3) give notice to any person who
525 has requested the State Fire Marshal for advance notice of the proposed
526 code adoption proceedings, (4) provide for a public comment period of
527 forty-five days following the posting of such proposed code, fiscal note
528 and regulatory flexibility analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the
529 proposed code not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after
530 such posting.

531 (d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Fire
532 Marshal, in coordination with the advisory committee, shall respond to

533 each written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received
534 during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such
535 response shall include any change made to the proposed code if
536 applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Fire Marshal
537 shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of
538 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection not
539 later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

540 (e) The State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory
541 committee, shall create and maintain a code-making record for each
542 proposed code, submit such code-making record electronically to the
543 standing legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing
544 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
545 relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record
546 on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]
547 Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such code-making record
548 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the
549 proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized
550 model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection
551 (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared
552 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral
553 comments received during the public comment period, and (5) the
554 response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this
555 section.

556 (f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have
557 not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is
558 submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to
559 convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice
560 the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is
561 withdrawn, the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code and
562 the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of
563 such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject
564 without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee
565 notifies the State Fire Marshal in writing that it is waiving its right to
566 convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a resubmitted

567 proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-five-day period,
568 the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be
569 approved by the committee.

570 (g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part,
571 the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the disapproval and
572 the reasons for the disapproval. The State Fire Marshal shall not take
573 any action to implement such disapproved code, except that the State
574 Fire Marshal may submit a substantively new proposed code in
575 accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the General
576 Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the
577 provisions of section 4-171.

578 (h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in
579 whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the
580 reasons for the rejection and the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the
581 proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty
582 days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of
583 the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any
584 revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than
585 forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take
586 action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as
587 provided in subsection (f) of this section.

588 (i) The State Fire Prevention Code or any amendment thereto
589 approved or deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection
590 (f) of this section is effective and enforceable against any person or party
591 upon its posting on the Internet web site of the Department of
592 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection,
593 except that: (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the
594 code, the later date is the effective date, and (2) a code may not be
595 effective before the effective date of the public act requiring or
596 permitting the code. Such posting shall include a statement by the State
597 Fire Marshal certifying that the electronic copy of the code is a true and
598 accurate copy of the code approved or deemed approved in accordance
599 with subsection (f) of this section. The electronic copy of the State Fire

600 Prevention Code posted on the Internet web site of the Department of
601 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection
602 shall be the official version for all purposes, including all legal and
603 administrative proceedings.

604 (j) No provision of the State Fire Prevention Code or any amendment
605 thereto adopted after May 31, 2016, is valid unless adopted in
606 substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. A
607 proceeding to contest any provision of the code on the ground of
608 noncompliance with the requirements of this section shall be
609 commenced within two years from the effective date of the code.

610 (k) The State Fire Marshal shall advise the public concerning how to
611 obtain a copy of the State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments
612 thereto.

613 Sec. 17. Section 29-292a of the general statutes is repealed and the
614 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

615 (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a
616 proposal by the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards
617 Committee for a new Fire Safety Code or for a change in, addition to or
618 repeal of any provision of the Fire Safety Code.

619 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54, the adoption of the
620 Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto shall not be required to
621 comply with the provisions of chapter 54, except as provided in this
622 section.

623 (c) Prior to the adoption of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments
624 thereto, the State Fire Marshal shall (1) post any proposed code, a
625 statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed, a fiscal
626 note associated with compliance with the proposed code prepared
627 pursuant to section 4-168, and a regulatory flexibility analysis prepared
628 pursuant to section 4-168a on the Internet web site of the Department of
629 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection, (2)
630 give notice electronically to the joint standing committee of the General

631 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
632 security, (3) give notice to any person who has requested the State Fire
633 Marshal for advance notice of the proposed code adoption proceedings,
634 (4) provide for a public comment period of forty-five days following the
635 posting of such proposed code, fiscal note and regulatory flexibility
636 analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the proposed code not less
637 than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after such posting.

638 (d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Fire
639 Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee shall respond to each
640 written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received
641 during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such
642 response shall include any change made to the proposed code if
643 applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Fire Marshal
644 shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of
645 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection not
646 later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

647 (e) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee
648 shall create and maintain a code-making record for each proposed code,
649 submit such code-making record electronically to the standing
650 legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing
651 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
652 relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record
653 on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]
654 Emergency Services and Public Protection. Such code-making record
655 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the
656 proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized
657 model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection
658 (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared
659 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral
660 comments received during the public comment period, and (5) the
661 response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this
662 section.

663 (f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have

664 not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is
665 submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to
666 convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice
667 the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is
668 withdrawn, the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code and
669 the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of
670 such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject
671 without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee
672 notifies the State Fire Marshal in writing that it is waiving its right to
673 convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a resubmitted
674 proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-five-day period,
675 the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be
676 approved by the committee.

677 (g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part,
678 the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the disapproval and
679 the reasons for the disapproval. The State Fire Marshal shall not take
680 any action to implement such disapproved code, except that the State
681 Fire Marshal may submit a substantively new proposed code in
682 accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the General
683 Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the
684 provisions of section 4-171.

685 (h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in
686 whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the
687 reasons for the rejection and the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the
688 proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty
689 days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of
690 the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any
691 revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than
692 forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take
693 action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as
694 provided in subsection (f) of this section.

695 (i) The Fire Safety Code or any amendment thereto approved or
696 deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection (f) of this

697 section is effective and enforceable against any person or party upon its
698 posting on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative
699 Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection, except that: (1) If a
700 later date is required by statute or specified in the code, the later date is
701 the effective date, and (2) a code may not be effective before the effective
702 date of the public act requiring or permitting the code. Such posting
703 shall include a statement by the State Fire Marshal certifying that the
704 electronic copy of the code is a true and accurate copy of the code
705 approved or deemed approved in accordance with subsection (f) of this
706 section. The electronic copy of the Fire Safety Code posted on the
707 Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]
708 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall be the official version
709 for all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.

710 (j) No provision of the Fire Safety Code or any amendment thereto
711 adopted after May 31, 2016, is valid unless adopted in substantial
712 compliance with the requirements of this section. A proceeding to
713 contest any provision of the code on the ground of noncompliance with
714 the requirements of this section shall be commenced within two years
715 from the effective date of the code.

716 (k) The State Fire Marshal shall advise the public concerning how to
717 obtain a copy of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto.

718 Sec. 18. Section 29-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the
719 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

720 The Fire Safety Code and all amendments to said code shall be posted
721 on the Internet web site of the Department of [Administrative Services]
722 Emergency Services and Public Protection in accordance with section
723 29-292a, as amended by this act, and, in addition, a copy shall be
724 provided to each local fire marshal, fire chief and building inspector,
725 and other governmental officials who request said code.

726 Sec. 19. Section 29-298a of the general statutes is repealed and the
727 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

728 There shall be established within the Department of [Administrative
729 Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection a Fire Marshal
730 Training Council which shall advise the State Fire Marshal and the
731 Codes and Standards Committee on all matters pertaining to (1)
732 certification training programs, (2) decertification hearings, (3) in-
733 service training for fire marshals in the state, and (4) programs for all
734 other persons eligible to receive training pursuant to subsections (a) to
735 (c), inclusive, of section 29-251c. The council shall be composed of
736 twelve members as follows: The State Fire Marshal or his designee; a
737 member of the Codes and Standards Committee to be elected by such
738 committee; three members appointed by the Connecticut Fire Marshals
739 Association, one of whom shall be a volunteer, one of whom shall be a
740 part-time paid, and one of whom shall be a full-time, local fire marshal,
741 deputy fire marshal or fire inspector; one member appointed by the
742 Board of Regents for Higher Education; two members appointed by the
743 Board of Trustees for the Community-Technical Colleges; the chief
744 elected official of a municipality having a population in excess of
745 seventy thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; the chief elected
746 official of a municipality having a population of less than seventy
747 thousand persons, appointed by the Governor; and two public
748 members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall be residents of
749 this state and shall not be compensated for their services but shall be
750 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
751 duties. The council may elect such officers as it deems necessary.

752 Sec. 20. Section 29-312 of the general statutes is repealed and the
753 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

754 The Commissioner of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services
755 and Public Protection may appoint a Deputy State Fire Marshal who
756 shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the [Commissioner
757 of Administrative Services] commissioner and be vested with all the
758 powers conferred upon the State Fire Marshal by section 29-310.

759 Sec. 21. Section 29-315c of the general statutes is repealed and the
760 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

761 The Commissioner of [Administrative Services] Emergency Services
762 and Public Protection may establish, within available appropriations, a
763 public awareness campaign to educate the public concerning the
764 dangers of not having smoke and carbon monoxide detection and
765 warning equipment in residential dwellings and to promote the
766 installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning
767 equipment in all residential dwellings.

768 Sec. 22. Section 29-319 of the general statutes is repealed and the
769 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

770 As used herein, "emergency" means the existence in any community
771 of general distress because of a shortage of fuel, or threatened distress
772 because of probable shortage of fuel, when public proclamation to that
773 effect is made by the Governor; "hoard" means the withholding by any
774 person, firm or corporation dealing in fuel of the same from sale or
775 delivery at a reasonable price during an emergency; and "profiteer"
776 means to hold for sale, or sell, fuel at an excessive profit, or charge an
777 excessive rate or place unreasonable restrictions or conditions upon the
778 sale, delivery or transportation of fuel. Whenever the Governor, by
779 public proclamation, declares that an emergency exists, the provisions
780 hereof may be enforced from the date of such proclamation until, in like
781 manner, he declares the emergency at an end. During such emergency,
782 no person, firm or corporation, and no employee of any person, firm or
783 corporation, shall hoard or profiteer in fuel, or hinder or obstruct or in
784 any way interfere with its prompt sale, distribution or transportation.
785 Each person, firm or corporation dealing in fuel shall make and keep
786 accurate and complete written records of all transactions concerning the
787 same, showing, as to each purchase and sale, the date, kind, quantity
788 and price, the name and address of the vendor and vendee and the
789 identity of the agency of delivery. No person, firm or corporation shall
790 knowingly give any false, deceiving or misleading information, or
791 knowingly engage in any transaction that is calculated to create false,
792 deceiving or misleading information, or knowingly incorporate or
793 permit to remain in his or its books, accounts or other printed or written
794 record any information that is calculated to create or convey false,

795 deceiving or misleading information essential to the ascertainment of
796 the facts concerning his or its dealings and profit in fuel. During any
797 emergency, the Labor Commissioner, any member of the Labor
798 Department under his direction and any local fire marshal shall have
799 and exercise, in the enforcement of this section, the same powers of
800 investigation, as far as applicable, as are conferred upon local fire
801 marshals under the provisions of this part, and the commissioner, in the
802 enforcement of this section, shall have and exercise the same powers, as
803 far as applicable, as are conferred upon the Commissioner of
804 [Administrative Services] Emergency Services and Public Protection by
805 the provisions of section 29-310. Any person, firm or corporation
806 violating any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one
807 thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

808 Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 29-417 of the general statutes is
809 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
810 *2025*):

811 (b) Cigarettes to be sold, or offered for sale, to consumers within this
812 state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar
813 intermediary or intermediaries, shall: (1) Have been tested in
814 accordance with the test method specified in section 29-418, as amended
815 by this act, and meet the performance standard specified in section 29-
816 418, as amended by this act; (2) have been listed in a written certification
817 submitted to the [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire
818 Services Administration within the Department of Emergency Services
819 and Public Protection in accordance with section 29-419, as amended by
820 this act; and (3) be in packages marked in accordance with section 29-
821 421.

822 Sec. 24. Section 29-418 of the general statutes is repealed and the
823 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

824 (a) All testing by or on behalf of a holder of a cigarette manufacturer's
825 license or by or on behalf of the [Office of the State Fire Marshal]
826 Division of Fire Services Administration within the Department of
827 Emergency Services and Public Protection to determine a cigarette's

828 compliance with the performance standard specified in this section shall
829 be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

830 (1) Testing of cigarettes shall be conducted in accordance with the
831 American Society of Testing and Materials or "ASTM" standard E2187-
832 04, "Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition Strength of
833 Cigarettes" or a subsequent ASTM Standard Test Method for Measuring
834 the Ignition Strength of Cigarettes upon a finding by the State Fire
835 Marshal that such subsequent method does not result in a change in the
836 percentage of full-length burns exhibited by any tested cigarette when
837 compared to the percentage of full-length burns the same cigarette
838 would exhibit when tested in accordance with ASTM standard E2187-
839 04 and the performance standard in subdivision (3) of this subsection;

840 (2) Testing shall be conducted on ten layers of filter paper;

841 (3) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the cigarettes tested in a test
842 trial in accordance with this section shall exhibit full-length burns. Forty
843 replicate tests shall comprise a complete test trial for each cigarette
844 tested;

845 (4) The performance standard required by this section shall only be
846 applied to a complete test trial;

847 (5) Written certifications shall be based upon testing conducted by a
848 laboratory that has been accredited pursuant to standard ISO or IEC
849 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization or such
850 other comparable accreditation standard as the [Office of the State Fire
851 Marshal] Division of Fire Services Administration within the
852 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection may require
853 by regulation;

854 (6) Laboratories conducting testing in accordance with this section
855 shall implement a quality control and quality assurance program that
856 includes a procedure that will determine the repeatability of the testing
857 results. The repeatability value shall be no greater than 0.19. Such
858 program ensures that the testing repeatability remains within the

859 required repeatability value set forth in this subdivision for all test trials
860 used to certify cigarettes in accordance with this section and section 29-
861 419, as amended by this act; and

862 (7) No additional testing under this section is required if cigarettes
863 are tested consistent with this section for any other purpose.

864 (b) Each cigarette that uses lowered permeability bands in the
865 cigarette paper to achieve compliance with the performance standard
866 set forth in this section shall have not less than two nominally identical
867 bands on the paper surrounding the tobacco column. At least one
868 complete band shall be located not less than fifteen millimeters from the
869 lighting end of the cigarette. For cigarettes on which the bands are
870 positioned by design, there shall be not less than two bands fully located
871 at least fifteen millimeters from the lighting end and ten millimeters
872 from the filter end of the tobacco column, or ten millimeters from the
873 labeled end of the tobacco column for nonfiltered cigarettes.

874 (c) A holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license that manufactures a
875 cigarette that the State Fire Marshal determines cannot be tested in
876 accordance with the test method prescribed in subdivision (1) of
877 subsection (a) of this section may propose an alternate test method and
878 performance standard for the cigarette to the State Fire Marshal. Upon
879 approval and a determination by the State Fire Marshal that the
880 performance standard proposed by the holder is equivalent to the
881 performance standard prescribed in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
882 this section, the holder may employ such test method and performance
883 standard to certify such cigarette pursuant to section 29-419, as
884 amended by this act. If the State Fire Marshal determines that another
885 state has enacted reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards that
886 include a test method and performance standard that are the same as
887 those contained in this section, and the State Fire Marshal finds that the
888 officials responsible for implementing those requirements have
889 approved the proposed alternative test method and performance
890 standard for a particular cigarette proposed by a holder as meeting the
891 reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards of that state's law or

892 regulations under a legal provision comparable to this section, then the
893 State Fire Marshal shall authorize that holder to employ the alternative
894 test method and performance standard to certify that cigarette for sale
895 in this state, unless the State Fire Marshal has a reasonable basis for
896 deciding that the alternative test should not be accepted under said
897 sections. All other applicable requirements of this section shall apply to
898 the holder.

899 (d) Each holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license shall maintain
900 copies of the reports of all tests conducted on all cigarettes with respect
901 to which such holder has submitted written certification in accordance
902 with the provisions of section 29-419, as amended by this act. Such
903 holder shall provide copies of the reports available to the [Office of the
904 State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services Administration within the
905 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and to the
906 office of the Attorney General upon written request. Any holder that
907 fails to provide such copies not later than sixty days after receiving a
908 written request shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten
909 thousand dollars for each day after the sixtieth day that the holder does
910 not make such copies available.

911 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 29-419 of the general statutes is
912 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
913 *2025*):

914 (a) Each holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license shall submit to
915 the [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services
916 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and
917 Public Protection a written certification every three years attesting that:
918 (1) Each cigarette listed in the certification has been tested in accordance
919 with section 29-418, as amended by this act; and (2) each cigarette listed
920 in the certification meets the performance standard set forth in section
921 29-418, as amended by this act.

922 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 29-420 of the general statutes is
923 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
924 *2025*):

925 (a) Not later than July 1, 2008, the [Office of the State Fire Marshal]
 926 Division of Fire Services Administration within the Department of
 927 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall develop and make
 928 available for public inspection, on its web site and in such other forms
 929 as the State Fire Marshal deems appropriate, a Connecticut Fire Safe
 930 Cigarette Directory listing of all holders that have provided current
 931 certifications conforming to the requirements of section 29-419, as
 932 amended by this act, and all cigarettes that are listed in such
 933 certifications. The State Fire Marshal shall update the directory as
 934 necessary in order to correct mistakes and to add or remove a holder or
 935 cigarette to keep the directory current and in conformity with the
 936 requirements of sections 29-416 to 29-421, inclusive.

937 Sec. 27. Subsection (d) of section 29-453 of the 2024 supplement to the
 938 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 939 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

940 (d) The [Office of the State Fire Marshal] Division of Fire Services
 941 Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and
 942 Public Protection shall (1) in consultation with an association
 943 representing the interests of realtors, a bar association and an
 944 association representing the interests of fire marshals, develop a model
 945 form that may be used for the affidavit required by subsection (a) of this
 946 section, and (2) in consultation with an association representing the
 947 interests of fire marshals, develop a guide outlining smoke detection
 948 and warning equipment requirements to assist transferors with the
 949 completion of such affidavit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	29-1b
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-323k
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-323l
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-323n
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-323o
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	5-198
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-313m

Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	7-323s
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	7-323v
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	14-103d(a)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2025	19a-510a(a)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2025	20-330(10)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2025	29-1ff(a)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2025	29-250
Sec. 15	July 1, 2025	29-291
Sec. 16	July 1, 2025	29-291e
Sec. 17	July 1, 2025	29-292a
Sec. 18	July 1, 2025	29-294
Sec. 19	July 1, 2025	29-298a
Sec. 20	July 1, 2025	29-312
Sec. 21	July 1, 2025	29-315c
Sec. 22	July 1, 2025	29-319
Sec. 23	July 1, 2025	29-417(b)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2025	29-418
Sec. 25	July 1, 2025	29-419(a)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2025	29-420(a)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2025	29-453(d)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Sections 6, 12 and 13 were added to make conforming changes.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Cost	Up to 521,250	Up to 695,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	Up to 215,250	Up to 287,000
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Transfer from	2,025,000	2,700,000
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Transfer to	2,025,000	2,700,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is estimated to result in an increase in total costs in the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) due to transferring a portion of the Regulatory Compliance Division (RCD) into DESPP. The transfer would increase costs to the extent there is a need to duplicate responsibilities between agencies and it disrupts coordination between offices and delays state construction projects.

Under the provisions of the bill the entirety of the Office of Education and Data Management (OEDM) is transferred out of DAS which currently relies on those personnel to operate the Office of the State Building Inspector (OSBI). There will be a cost to DAS and DESPP to the

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

extent new employees would need to be hired to accommodate the needs of both the OSBI within DAS and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OFSM) within DESPP. This may require hiring up to 7 new positions totaling \$525,000 in personal services costs and \$217,000 in fringe benefit costs on an annualized basis.

OFSM currently supports the responsibilities of the Real Estate and Construction Services (RECS) division of DAS. There will be a cost to DAS to the extent new employees would need to be hired to accommodate the loss of the OFSM staff from DAS. This would require hiring up to 2 new positions totaling \$170,000 in personal service costs and \$70,000 in fringe benefit costs on an annualized basis.

The transfer of the two offices would require the transfer of 28 positions and funding of up to \$2.7 million from DAS to DESPP on an annualized basis.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: Department of Administrative Services website

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5483*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND TRANSFERRING VARIOUS FUNCTIONS TO A DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AND REVISING THE POWERS AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL.*****SUMMARY**

This bill merges the Office of State Fire Administration and the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) Office of the State Fire Marshal and Office of Education and Data Administration into a newly created Division of Fire Services Administration within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP). It designates the division as a successor to these offices and generally assigns jurisdiction of this new division to the state fire administrator, whom the bill requires the governor to appoint. It also reassigns the administrator's current duties to the division and expands on them.

Additionally, the bill makes several changes to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, including expanding its membership and its powers and duties, such as requiring it to distribute funding for fire school operations.

The bill also makes conforming and technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025.

§§ 1 & 4-27 — DIVISION OF FIRE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

The bill requires that the functions, powers, duties, and personnel of the Office of State Fire Administration, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Office of Education and Data Administration be transferred to the

Division of Fire Services Administration. Additionally, any order or regulation of these offices that is in force on the effective date of the bill must continue in force and effect as an order or regulation of the division until it is amended, repealed, or superseded. The bill makes conforming changes to carry out this transfer, including requiring the division, rather than the Office of State Fire Administration, to administer the state's responsibilities under federal laws relevant to fire services and to develop a master plan for fire prevention and control. It also requires the DESPP commissioner, rather than the DAS commissioner, to appoint the state fire marshal.

Under the bill, the DESPP commissioner must serve as the Division of Fire Services Administration's administrative head but delegate his jurisdiction of the division to the state fire administrator. Relatedly, the bill changes who appoints the state fire administrator from the DESPP commissioner to the governor. (It retains the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control's responsibility to recommend a candidate for this position.)

The bill also transfers the state fire administrator's current duties to the Division of Fire Services Administration and adds new ones. Specifically, whereas current law requires the state fire administrator to coordinate the training and education of fire service personnel at state institutions, facilities, and properties, the bill instead requires the division to do the following:

1. advise and assist the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control on legislative proposals;
2. encourage the expansion and improvement of existing local firefighter training facilities in cooperation with the commission;
3. administer the state fire school and certification examinations, testing procedures, and reciprocity recognition for credentials in the fire service disciplines; and
4. make recommendations to the commission on the operational

funding of the state fire school and regional fire schools.

The bill also requires the division to recommend and give reports on revisions to statutes on firefighter training and fire prevention and control. (The bill does not specify to whom these recommendations and reports must be sent.)

§ 2 — COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEMBERSHIP

The bill makes several changes to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control membership beginning July 1, 2025. Generally, it increases the commission’s size from 14 voting members to 19 voting members and three nonvoting members. It also changes its composition from 12 gubernatorial appointees and two ex-officio members to 10 legislative appointees, six gubernatorial appointees, and six ex-officio members (three voting and three non-voting). It additionally requires members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc.’s education committee to serve as a commission subcommittee on matters relating to fire schools.

Under current law, the commission consists of the state fire marshal and the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) president (or their respective designees) and 12 members appointed by the governor, representing six specified entities. The bill retains the fire marshal (or designee) on the commission but removes the CSCU president. It also changes the (1) appointing authority for seven of these members and (2) represented entity for one of them, as shown in the table below.

Table: Changes to Appointing Authorities

<i>Entity</i>	<i>Appointing Authority</i>	
	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>The Bill</i>
Connecticut State Firefighter’s Association	Two by the governor	One by the governor and one by the Senate majority leader
Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association	Two by the governor	One by the governor and one by the Senate president pro tempore

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	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>The Bill</i>
Uniformed Professional Firefighters of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO	Two by the governor	One by the governor and one by the House majority leader
Connecticut Fire Marshals Association	Two by the governor	One by the governor and one by the Senate minority leader
Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association	Two by the governor	One by the governor and one by the House minority leader
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities	Two by the governor	One by the Public Safety and Security Committee Senate chairperson
Connecticut Council of Small Towns	N/A	One by the Public Safety and Security Committee House chairperson

Beyond these changes, the bill adds six new voting members as follows:

1. two members of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs’ Association, one appointed by the governor and the other by the House speaker;
2. one member of the Connecticut Fire Equipment Mechanics Association, appointed by the Public Safety and Security Committee’s House ranking member;
3. one representative of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, appointed by the Public Safety and Security Committee’s Senate ranking member;
4. the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc.’s education committee chairperson; and
5. the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Forestry Division’s forest protection supervisor.

The bill also adds the following three officials as nonvoting members:

1. DESPP Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security's director (or the director's designee),
2. DESPP State Police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit director, and
3. Connecticut Technical Education and Career System's executive director (or the executive director's designee).

By law, appointed members are appointed to three-year terms; the bill allows members to continue to serve until a successor is appointed. As under current law for the governor's appointments, the bill requires each organization to be represented on the commission to submit a list of nominees to the appropriate appointing authority annually by July 15.

Under existing law, appointees must be qualified, by experience or education, in the fields of fire protection, fire prevention, fire suppression, firefighting, and related fields.

§§ 3-4 — COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL POWERS AND DUTIES

The bill makes several changes to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control's powers and duties, principally by making it responsible for establishing certain standards and training instead of recommending them. The bill specifically requires the commission to:

1. create and periodically update required minimum standards of education and physical condition for candidates for any firefighter position, instead of recommending them;
2. set and periodically update standards for fire service training and education programs, rather than doing so on a voluntary basis;
3. create a required fire service training and education program in the handling of incidents, such as wandering, that involve juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder, instead of establishing an optional one; and

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4. set standards for promotion to the various ranks of fire departments, rather than recommending them.

The bill further requires the commission do the following:

1. distribute any state, federal, or private funds or contributions for state fire school's and regional fire schools' daily operation; and
2. make recommendations on the funding needed for operating, maintaining, and making capital improvements to the state fire school and regional fire schools as part of the existing annual reporting it must submit to the governor, legislature, and DESPP commissioner.

The bill requires the commission to submit this annual report to the Public Safety and Security Committee, rather than the Legislative Management Committee as current law requires.

The bill eliminates the commission's authority to appoint clerical and other assistants it deems necessary to carry out the Office of State Fire Administration's functions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/19/2024)