

Senate, March 17, 1998. The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN, 23rd DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE POLICE ACADEMY.

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

1 Section 29-4 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof:

4 [The] BY JULY 1, 2001, THE Commissioner of  
5 Public Safety [may] SHALL appoint [an adequate  
6 number of] AND MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF ONE THOUSAND  
7 TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT SWORN state police  
8 personnel to efficiently maintain the operation of  
9 the division. [in keeping with budgetary  
10 allowances.] On or after June 6, 1990, the  
11 commissioner shall appoint therefrom not more than  
12 two lieutenant colonels who shall be in the  
13 unclassified service as provided in section 5-198,  
14 AS AMENDED. Any permanent employee in the  
15 classified service who accepts appointment to the  
16 position of lieutenant colonel in the unclassified  
17 service may return to the classified service at  
18 his former rank. The position of lieutenant  
19 colonel in the classified service shall be  
20 abolished on April 1, 1991. The commissioner,  
21 subject to the provisions of chapter 67, shall  
22 appoint such numbers of majors, captains,  
23 lieutenants, sergeants, detectives and corporals

24 as he deems necessary to officer efficiently the  
25 state police force. The commissioner may appoint a  
26 Deputy State Fire Marshal who shall be in the  
27 unclassified service as provided in section 5-198,  
28 AS AMENDED. Any permanent employee in the  
29 classified service who accepts appointment to the  
30 position of Deputy State Fire Marshal in the  
31 unclassified service may return to the classified  
32 service at his former rank, class or grade,  
33 whichever is applicable. The commissioner shall  
34 establish such divisions as he deems necessary for  
35 effective operation of the state police force and  
36 consistent with budgetary allotments, a Criminal  
37 Intelligence Division and a state-wide organized  
38 crime investigative task force to be engaged  
39 throughout the state for the purpose of preventing  
40 and detecting any violation of the criminal law.  
41 The head of the Criminal Intelligence Division  
42 shall be of the rank of sergeant or above. The  
43 head of the state-wide organized crime  
44 investigative task force shall be a police  
45 officer. Salaries of the members of the Division  
46 of State Police within the Department of Public  
47 Safety shall be fixed by the Commissioner of  
48 Administrative Services as provided in section  
49 4-40. Subsistence shall be maintained for state  
50 police personnel at the expense of the state, and  
51 said police personnel shall be reimbursed for all  
52 expenses incurred in the performance of official  
53 duty. Said police personnel may be promoted,  
54 demoted, suspended or removed by the commissioner,  
55 but no final dismissal from the service shall be  
56 ordered until a hearing has been had before said  
57 commissioner on charges preferred against such  
58 officer. Each state police officer shall, before  
59 entering upon his duties, be sworn to the faithful  
60 performance thereof. The Commissioner of Public  
61 Safety shall designate an adequate patrol force  
62 for motor patrol work exclusively.

63 PS COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 21 NAY 1 JFS

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 313**

STATE IMPACT                      Cost and Potential Indeterminate Revenue Gain (Future Years), see below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT                None

STATE AGENCY(S)                Department of Public Safety

|                       | Current FY | 1999-2000   | 2000-2001   |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| State Cost (savings)  | :          | : 3,100,000 | : 8,200,000 |
| St Revenue (loss)     | :          | :           | :           |
| Net St Cost (savings) | :          | :           | :           |
| Municipal Impact      | :          | :           | :           |

**EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:**

STATE IMPACT: The passage of this bill would result in costs to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) 1. In the FY 1999-2001 biennium, estimated at \$3.1 million in FY '00 and \$8.2 million in FY '01, and 2. In subsequent fiscal years estimated at \$11.3 million per year. The bill requires that there be at least 1,248 sworn State Police officers by July 1, 2001 and that this number be maintained as the minimum number of Connecticut State Police officers.

To maintain a minimum of 1,248 officers, the agency must have more than that number at the start of each year or each 8-month trooper training class. The annual attrition rate is estimated to be about 30 per year. Therefore, the average number of officers would actually be about 1,263. (The actual number of filled positions would vary from 1,248 to 1,278.)

There are currently 968 State Police officers, with another 73 in a training class that will finish in July. This will result in about 1,035 officers by September 1, 1998. The FY '99 Governor's Revised DPS Budget provides sufficient funding and position authorizations to increase the number of State Police officers to about 1,075 by July 1, 1999. This is an increase of 107 (11%) from the current number of officers. The number of 1,263 officers is an increase of 188 (17.5%) from July 1, 1999, and an increase of 295 (30.5%) from the current number of State police officers.

The bill would result in the FY 1999-2001 biennial budget requiring at least 188 more position authorizations and additional funding for the training, equipment, salary and fringe benefit costs of these 188 officers. It would require 3 training classes with each class contributing 63 of its graduates to the increase. Each class takes 6 months, and there is a 2-month working test period, resulting in continuous DPS recruit training activities over the FY 1999-2001 biennium. The training costs for the 188 officers would be \$1.88 million in each fiscal year. The costs for these new State Police officers would be about \$1.26 million in FY '00 and \$6.3 million in FY '01. Annual costs in subsequent years would be about \$11.3 million. No costs are included for training replacements to maintain this larger number of officers. It should be noted that a portion of these additional costs might be offset by reductions in overtime or from increased reimbursements from municipalities if the Resident State Trooper Program expands.

Establishing a minimum number of State Police officers in statute essentially removes this portion of the DPS budget from the State Budget process. It would eliminate potential future year savings resulting from delaying training classes and reducing the number of State Police officers. The size, timing and cost of

State Police recruit training classes would be determined by attrition in the number of officers.

To the extent that new positions are used for traffic enforcement, a potential indeterminate revenue gain could result. The increase could start in late FY '00, as the first of the new officers are deployed.

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### OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sSB 313

#### AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE POLICE ACADEMY

**SUMMARY:** This bill requires the public safety commissioner, by July 1, 2001, to appoint and maintain at least 1,248 sworn state police officers. Under current law, he may appoint the number necessary to efficiently operate the division. The bill also eliminates the requirement that appointments be made within budgetary allowances.

The current number of sworn officers is 968. In addition, 73 trooper trainees are in a class graduating in July.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 21 Nay 1