



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 426**

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Senate Bill No. 1240

*Senate, April 2, 2025*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-251 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 There shall be within the Department of Administrative Services a  
4 Codes and Standards Committee whose duty it shall be to work with  
5 the State Building Inspector in the enforcement of this part and the State  
6 Fire Marshal in the enforcement of part II of this chapter as set forth in  
7 this section. The committee shall be composed of [twenty-three] twenty  
8 members, residents of the state, appointed by the Commissioner of  
9 Administrative Services as follows: (1) [Two] One shall be [architects]  
10 an architect licensed in the state of Connecticut; (2) [three] two shall be  
11 professional engineers licensed in the state of Connecticut, [two] one of  
12 whom shall practice either structural, mechanical or electrical  
13 engineering [but in no event shall both of such members represent the  
14 same specialty,] and one of whom shall be a practicing fire protection

15 engineer; [or mechanical engineer with extensive experience in fire  
16 protection;] (3) four shall be builders, [remodelers or superintendents of  
17 construction,] one of whom shall have expertise in single-family  
18 detached residential construction, one of whom shall have expertise in  
19 multifamily residential construction, one of whom shall have expertise  
20 in residential remodeling and one of whom shall have expertise in  
21 commercial construction; (4) [one shall be a public health official; (5)]  
22 two shall be local building officials [; (6)] actively engaged in their  
23 official duties; (5) two shall be local fire marshals [; (7)] actively engaged  
24 in their official duties; (6) one shall be a Connecticut member of a  
25 national building trades labor organization; [(8)] (7) one shall have  
26 expertise in matters relating to energy efficiency; [(9) four] (8) two shall  
27 be public members, one of whom shall have expertise in matters relating  
28 to accessibility and use of facilities by persons with physical disabilities;  
29 [(10)] (9) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform electrical work or  
30 a member of a state-wide electrical trades labor organization; [(11)] (10)  
31 one shall be a contractor licensed to perform plumbing and piping work  
32 or a member of a state-wide plumbing trades labor organization; [and  
33 (12)] (11) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform heating, piping  
34 and cooling work or a member of a state-wide heating and cooling  
35 trades labor organization; (12) one shall be a contractor licensed to  
36 perform the installation of commercial fire sprinkler systems; and (13)  
37 one shall be a contractor licensed to perform the installation of  
38 commercial fire alarm systems. Each member, other than the public  
39 members, shall have had not less than ten years' practical experience in  
40 such member's profession or business. The committee shall adopt  
41 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, governing  
42 the procedure of the committee. Members who fail to attend three  
43 consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all meetings during a calendar  
44 year shall be deemed to have resigned. The committee may, within the  
45 limits of appropriations provided therefor, employ such assistants as  
46 may be necessary to conduct its business.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-251
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which makes various technical changes to the Codes and Standards Committee within the Department of Administrative Services, results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 1240*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE.*****SUMMARY**

This bill decreases the Codes and Standards Committee membership, from 23 to 20, by removing five current members and adding two new ones. It also modifies the required qualifications for certain existing members. The committee, which is within the Department of Administrative Services, works with the state building inspector and state fire marshal to implement the state building, fire safety, and fire prevention codes.

The bill removes the following current committee members:

1. one of two licensed architects;
2. one of three licensed engineers (specifically, one of the two engineers who must practice structural, mechanical, or electrical engineering);
3. a public health official; and
4. two of four members of the public.

The bill adds two contractors to the committee, one who is licensed to install commercial fire sprinkler systems and another licensed to install commercial fire alarm systems. Relatedly, it removes a current qualification provision allowing one of the engineers on the committee to be a mechanical engineer with experience in fire protection.

The bill also specifies that (1) the building officials currently on the committee must be local officials and (2) these officials and the local fire

marshals currently on the committee must be actively engaged in their official duties.

Lastly, the bill makes minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)