

Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1493

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENT

Title: REPORT AND CERTAIN REPORTS BY PEACE OFFICERS.

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Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill aims to improve public safety procedures by making two key changes. First, it requires the Commissioner of Transportation to study and recommend updates to Connecticut's uniform accident investigation report to align with national guidelines, known as the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria. These updates could help better standardize how motor vehicle accidents are reported, which would improve traffic safety by providing more consistent data for identifying safety issues and designing solutions at both the state and national levels.

Second, the bill enhances accountability for peace officers when dealing with individuals who are experiencing medical emergencies. It establishes that any person in a peace officer's custody, control, or presence has the right to receive emergency medical care if they are medically unstable or experiencing an emergency medical condition. The bill also clarifies that officers must request emergency services in these situations unless they can reasonably determine the person is stable and has recently been evaluated by a medical professional. Additionally, officers must create a report whenever they encounter such situations, which must be shared with the affected person upon request. This provision aims to ensure transparency, promote timely access to medical care, and protect public health and safety during interactions with law enforcement.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Ronald Arky, MD. Professor of Medicine and Medical Education at Harvard Medical School](#)

Mr. Arky supports the bill and states that delayed emergency care for persons in custody led to avoidable poor medical outcomes and deaths. He then explains that for many years there has been a lack of statutory clarity regarding the duty of a peace officer. Expresses that Connecticut has resolved the lack of clarity and the gap in the law when they passed SB 1062. Now Connecticut could ensure uniformity in reporting so that changes in this state are led by data and not public opinion.

[Deborah Dluhy, Member of the Medical Civil Rights Initiative](#)

Mrs. Dluhy supports the bill because it would allow Connecticut to become the first state in the United States to require the uniform reporting of medical emergencies during law enforcement interaction. Finds that if the study takes place the data could be of great national importance.

[Henry Dorkin MD FAAP](#)

Mr. Dorkin supports this bill and expresses that he has practiced medicine for fifty-one years. Expresses that the information is important in order to reduce the number of accidental deaths and morbidity.

[Senator Martin Looney President Pro Tempore](#)

Senator Looney expressed support for Section 2(e) of SB 1493, which mandates reporting on instances when peace officers request EMS. He emphasized the importance of tracking these incidents to better understand their frequency and distribution across the state. Senator Looney also highlighted the connection between SB 1493 and Public Act 23-192, which requires peace officers to ensure prompt access to emergency medical care for individuals experiencing medical emergencies during law enforcement interactions.

[Dr. John Raymond Peteet Psychiatrist at Brigham and Women's Hospital](#)

Mr. Peteet supports this legislation and states that it is crucial that complete, reliable uniform data can be able to be obtained and therefore studied.

[Dinetta Robinson Scott](#)

Mrs. Scott supports the bill because her son death could have been avoided especially if there was a right to request and to be provided access to emergency medical services.

[Dr. Julian Seifter James G Haidas Distinguished Chair in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Marshall A. Wolf Distinguished Clinician Educator and Senior Nephrologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital.](#)

Supports this legislation and stressed that the data collected through SB 1493 could guide improvements in the delivery of emergency medical care during law enforcement interactions and enhance transparency and accountability.

Collectively, the testimony in support of SB 1493 emphasized the critical need for data-driven policymaking to improve health outcomes, enhance public trust in law enforcement, and reduce preventable harm during police interactions. Supporters underlined the bill's potential to promote transparency, accountability, and evidence-based reforms in public safety and emergency medical care.

Additional Testimony of Support

[Fredrick Brown](#)

[Leonore Dluhy](#)

[Pulane Lucas](#)

[Judy Riggs](#)

[Stephen Wright](#)

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

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Date: 3/25/25