

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5633



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE DEPRIVATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION.

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

1 That (1) section 51-277e of the general statutes be amended to require 2 the Office of the Inspector General to (A) determine whether the death 3 of a person arising from the use of force by a police officer was a suicide; and (B) make recommendations to the Police Officer Standards and 4 5 Training Council concerning training to reduce the incidence of any 6 such suicides; and (2) section 52-571k of the general statutes be amended 7 to (A) allow a civil action brought pursuant to said section to be 8 commenced not later than two years after the date on which the cause 9 of action accrues, instead of one year after such date; and (B) if the 10 subject of any civil action brought under said section is also the subject 11 of an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General 12 under section 51-277e of the general statutes, require said office to make 13 available to the parties to such action any documents related to such 14 investigation.

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require determinations of whether certain deaths were suicides, (2) require recommendations concerning training to reduce the incidence of any such suicides, (3) update the amount of time allowed for bringing certain civil actions to be congruent with the release of report findings by the Office of the Inspector General, and (4) increase the transparency of and access to findings made by said office.