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Proposed Bill No. 6647

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF WAYS TO DEVELOP AND
ENHANCE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT ADDRESS THE
MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF POLICE OFFICERS.***

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

- 1 That the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
- 2 consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
- 3 Services, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the
- 4 Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, law enforcement units
- 5 throughout the state and employee organizations that represent police
- 6 officers, shall (1) study ways to develop and enhance programs and
- 7 initiatives that address the mental health needs of police officers,
- 8 including, but not limited to, an examination of (A) peer-to-peer support
- 9 programs, (B) programs that train officers to help themselves and fellow
- 10 officers deal with mental health issues associated with their jobs, (C)
- 11 programs that employ a psychologist or other mental health
- 12 professionals within a unit to assist officers with their mental health
- 13 needs, and (D) employee assistance programs and any other programs
- 14 and resources that may address the mental health needs of police
- 15 officers, and (2) submit a report to the joint standing committee of the

16 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
17 and security, which shall include (A) the results of such study, (B) a
18 description of best practices regarding programs, services and resources
19 that could be implemented by units across the state to address the
20 mental health needs of officers, and (C) any recommendations for
21 legislation.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to study ways to develop and enhance programs and initiatives that address the mental health needs of police officers.