



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 7074



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM STATE-WIDE POLICE
PURSUIT POLICY.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-283a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
5 Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the Police
6 Officer Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police Chiefs
7 Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Correctional
8 Officers, shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, a
9 uniform, state-wide policy for handling pursuits by police officers. Such
10 policy shall specify: (A) [The conditions under which] That a police
11 officer may engage in a pursuit [and discontinue a pursuit, (B)] when
12 the police officer believes that an occupant of a moving motor vehicle
13 committed a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, (B) the factors that may
14 be considered in a police officer's decision to engage in a pursuit,
15 including, but not limited to, the protection of the public, the known or
16 suspected offense, the apparent need for immediate apprehension, risks
17 to police officers, motorists and the public and alternative measures to
18 be employed by any such police officer in order to apprehend any
19 occupant of the fleeing motor vehicle or to impede the movement of
20 such motor vehicle, (C) the factors that may be considered in a police

21 officer's decision to discontinue a pursuit, including, but not limited to,
22 risks to the public and any pursuing police officer, the protection of the
23 public, the known or suspected offense, the apparent need for
24 immediate apprehension, vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions,
25 such as speed, volume and safety, weather conditions and whether such
26 occupant is identified and may be apprehended at a later time or
27 whether such occupant is unknown, (D) the coordination and
28 responsibility, including control over the pursuit, of supervisory
29 personnel and the police officer engaged in such pursuit, [(D)] (E) in the
30 case of a pursuit that may proceed and continue into another
31 municipality, (i) the requirement to notify and the procedures to be used
32 to notify the police department in such other municipality or, if there is
33 no organized police department in such other municipality, the officers
34 responsible for law enforcement in such other municipality, that there
35 is a pursuit in progress, and (ii) the coordination and responsibility of
36 supervisory personnel in each such municipality and the police officer
37 engaged in such pursuit, [(E)] (F) the type and amount of training in
38 pursuits, that each police officer shall undergo, which may include
39 training in vehicle simulators, if vehicle simulator training is
40 determined to be necessary, and [(F)] (G) that a police officer
41 immediately notify supervisory personnel or the officer in charge after
42 the police officer begins a pursuit. The chief of police or Commissioner
43 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the case may be, shall
44 inform each officer within such chief's or said commissioner's
45 department and each officer responsible for law enforcement in a
46 municipality in which there is no such department of the existence of
47 the policy of pursuit to be employed by any such officer and shall take
48 whatever measures that are necessary to assure that each such officer
49 understands the pursuit policy established.

50 (2) Not later than January 1, [2021] 2027, and at least once during each
51 five-year period thereafter, the Commissioner of Emergency Services
52 and Public Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the
53 Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police
54 Chiefs Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and

55 Correctional Officers, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
56 provisions of chapter 54, to update such policy adopted pursuant to
57 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-283a(b)
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(1)(A), "a suspect" was changed to "an occupant of a moving motor vehicle" for consistency with other provisions of the general statutes; and in Section 1(b)(1)(C), "conditions, speeds" was changed to "conditions, such as speed" for clarity and "the suspect" was changed to "such occupant" for consistency with other provisions of the section and the general statutes.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*