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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1489

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL POLICE FORCES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Member municipality" means a town, city or borough that is a  
5 member of a regional police force; and

6 (2) "Regional police force" means a police department formed by two  
7 or more member municipalities that combine such member  
8 municipalities' police departments pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
9 section.

10 (b) A regional police force may be formed by two or more  
11 municipalities that each have a population of not more than fifty  
12 thousand, as determined by the most recent decennial census.

13 Municipalities seeking to form a regional police force shall submit an  
14 application to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
15 Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. The  
16 application shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a description of  
17 the proposed structure and governance of the regional police force, (2)  
18 a financial plan detailing the estimated costs and projected savings  
19 resulting from the formation of the regional police force, and (3) a plan  
20 for ensuring continued public safety during the period of transition to a  
21 regional police force. The commissioner may approve the application if  
22 the commissioner determines that the regional police force would be  
23 sufficiently funded, managed and effective and that the formation of  
24 such regional police force would satisfy the requirements established by  
25 the provisions of this section.

26 (c) (1) Each regional police force shall establish a regional police  
27 authority to oversee policy decisions, approve budgets, establish  
28 operational priorities, manage police operations, allocate resources and  
29 ensure that public safety standards are met. The regional police  
30 authority shall consist of representatives from each member  
31 municipality.

32 (2) Each regional police authority shall annually hold a public hearing  
33 to review such regional police force's performance and consider  
34 comments from residents of the member municipalities.

35 (3) Member municipalities that form a regional police force shall  
36 jointly assume liability for actions taken by such regional police force.  
37 Such member municipalities shall share the cost of liability insurance  
38 proportionally on the basis of population.

39 (d) Each regional police authority shall annually submit a report to  
40 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the  
41 chief elected official, chief executive officer and legislative body of each  
42 of the member municipalities. Each such report shall include, but need  
43 not be limited to, information regarding (1) the regional police force's  
44 budget allocations and expenditures, (2) crime statistics and community

45 policing efforts in the member municipalities, and (3) the regional police  
46 force's performance metrics, including, but not limited to, response  
47 times, community outreach and officer staffing.

48 (e) Any bargaining unit that consists of employees affected by the  
49 formation of a regional police force and existed prior to such formation  
50 shall continue to exist separately from any other bargaining unit unless  
51 modified by mutual agreement with any other bargaining unit that  
52 consists of employees affected by such formation or as a result of the  
53 filing of a petition pursuant to subdivision (4) of section 7-471 of the  
54 general statutes, as amended by this act.

55 Sec. 2. Section 7-467 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

57 When used in sections 7-467 to 7-477, inclusive, as amended by this  
58 act:

59 (1) "Municipal employer" means any political subdivision of the state,  
60 including any town, city, borough, district, district department of  
61 health, school board, housing authority, regional police authority  
62 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1 of this act or other  
63 authority established by law, a private nonprofit corporation which has  
64 a valid contract with any town, city, borough or district to extinguish  
65 fires and to protect its inhabitants from loss by fire, and any person or  
66 persons designated by the municipal employer to act in its interest in  
67 dealing with municipal employees;

68 (2) "Employee" means any employee of a municipal employer,  
69 whether or not in the classified service of the municipal employer,  
70 except elected officials, administrative officials, board and commission  
71 members, certified teachers, part-time employees who work less than  
72 twenty hours per week on a seasonal basis, department heads and  
73 persons in such other positions as may be excluded from coverage  
74 under sections 7-467 to 7-477, inclusive, as amended by this act, in  
75 accordance with subdivision (2) of section 7-471;

76 (3) "Seasonal basis" means working for a period of not more than one  
77 hundred twenty calendar days in any calendar year;

78 (4) "Department head" means an employee who heads any  
79 department in a municipal organization, has substantial supervisory  
80 control of a permanent nature over other municipal employees, and is  
81 directly accountable to the board of selectmen of a town, city or borough  
82 not having a charter or special act form of government, or to the chief  
83 executive officer of any other town, city or borough;

84 (5) "Department" means any major functional division in a municipal  
85 organization, notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or special  
86 act to the contrary;

87 (6) "Employee organization" means any lawful association, labor  
88 organization, federation or council having as a primary purpose the  
89 improvement of wages, hours and other conditions of employment  
90 among employees of municipal employers.

91 Sec. 3. Subdivision (4) of section 7-471 of the general statutes is  
92 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
93 *1, 2025*):

94 (4) [An] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
95 subdivision, an employee organization or a municipal employer may  
96 file a petition with the board seeking a clarification or modification of  
97 an existing unit. The power of the board to make such clarifications and  
98 modifications shall be limited to those times when a petition for  
99 clarification or modification is filed by either an employee organization  
100 or a municipal employer. No petition seeking a clarification or  
101 modification of an existing unit shall be considered to be timely by the  
102 board during the term of a written collective bargaining agreement,  
103 except that a petition for clarification or modification filed by an  
104 employee organization [concerning either (A)] may be filed at any time  
105 if such petition concerns (i) a newly created position, [or (B)] (ii) any  
106 employee who is not represented by an employee organization, [may be

107 filed at any time] or (iii) the formation of a regional police force pursuant  
108 to subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

109 (B) An employee organization that represents employees affected by  
110 the formation of a regional police force pursuant to subsection (b) of  
111 section 1 of this act or a municipal employer of employees affected by  
112 such a formation may file a petition seeking a clarification or  
113 modification of an existing unit on the basis of the impact of such  
114 formation, provided such employee organization or municipal  
115 employer obtains consent to file such petition from each employee  
116 organization that represents employees affected by such formation.

117 Sec. 4. Section 7-478a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
118 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

119 (a) (1) Two or more municipal employers participating in an  
120 interlocal agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive,  
121 shall constitute a municipal employer as defined in section 7-467, as  
122 amended by this act.

123 (2) A regional police authority established pursuant to subsection (c)  
124 of section 1 of this act shall constitute a municipal employer as defined  
125 in section 7-467, as amended by this act.

126 (b) (1) Each employee organization, as defined in said section 7-467,  
127 of the municipal employers constituting a municipal employer under  
128 this section shall retain representation rights for collective bargaining.  
129 [If] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, if two or  
130 more employee organizations have representation rights, the employee  
131 organizations shall act in coalition for all collective bargaining purposes.

132 (2) If two or more employee organizations have representation rights  
133 for employees of a regional police force formed pursuant to subsection  
134 (b) of section 1 of this act, the employee organizations may enter into an  
135 agreement to act in coalition for all collective bargaining purposes.

136 (c) When a municipal employer is constituted under this section the

137 collective bargaining agreement of each employee organization with  
138 representation rights shall remain in effect. A decision by a municipal  
139 employer to enter into or implement an interlocal agreement under  
140 sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, or to form a regional police force  
141 under section 1 of this act shall not be a subject of collective bargaining  
142 but the impact of such agreement or formation upon wages, hours and  
143 other conditions of employment, shall be a subject of collective  
144 bargaining."

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-467
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-471(4)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	7-478a