
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1493 (File 388, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENT REPORT AND CERTAIN REPORTS BY PEACE OFFICERS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a peace officer to prepare a report describing the situation when a person has an emergency medical condition or is medically unstable while in the officer's direct audio or visual contact or under his or her custody or control. It also requires the officer to give the person who experienced the medical condition a copy of the report if he or she requests it.

The bill also requires the Department of Transportation commissioner to study any changes needed to conform existing law's uniform investigation of accident report to the federal Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC). By July 1, 2026, the commissioner must submit a report of the study's results and any related legislative recommendations to the Public Safety and Security and Transportation committees. (The MMUCC is a voluntary guideline developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that represents a minimum, standardized set of data variables to describe motor vehicle accidents.)

*Senate Amendment "A" makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025, except the DOT report provision is effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND

Peace Officers

By law, the following individuals are designated peace officers: state and local police, Division of Criminal Justice inspectors, state marshals exercising statutory powers, judicial marshals performing their duties,

conservation or special conservation officers, constables who perform criminal law enforcement duties, appointed special police officers, adult probation officers, Department of Correction officials authorized to make arrests in a correctional institution or facility, investigators in the State Treasurer's Office, certified Department of Motor Vehicles inspectors, U.S. marshals and deputy marshals, U.S. special agents authorized to enforce federal food and drug laws, and certified police officers of a law enforcement unit created and governed under a state-tribal memorandum (CGS § 53a-3(9)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 11 (03/18/2025)