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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **1489**

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Cal. No. 269

***"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 joins  
5 a regional police force; and

6 (2) "Regional police force" means a police department formed by two  
7 or more member municipalities that enter into an agreement to combine  
8 such member municipalities' police departments.

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

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

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

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

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

38 (d) Each regional police authority shall annually submit a report to  
39 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the  
40 chief elected official, chief executive officer and legislative body of each  
41 of the member municipalities. Each such report shall include, but need  
42 not be limited to, information regarding (1) the regional police force's  
43 budget allocations and expenditures, (2) crime statistics and community  
44 policing efforts in the member municipalities, and (3) the regional police

45 force's performance metrics, including, but not limited to, response  
46 times, community outreach and officer staffing.

47 (e) Any employee organization, as defined in section 7-467 of the  
48 general statutes, as amended by this act, that represents employees  
49 affected by the formation of a regional police force may file a petition  
50 with the State Board of Labor Relations seeking a clarification or  
51 modification of an existing unit pursuant to subdivision (4) of section 7-  
52 471 of the general statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

89 Sec. 3. Section 7-478a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
90 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

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

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

98 (b) Each employee organization, as defined in said section 7-467, of  
99 the municipal employers constituting a municipal employer under this  
100 section shall retain representation rights for collective bargaining. If two  
101 or more employee organizations have representation rights, the  
102 employee organizations shall act in coalition for all collective bargaining  
103 purposes.

104 (c) When a municipal employer is constituted under this section the  
105 collective bargaining agreement of each employee organization with

106 representation rights shall remain in effect. A decision by a municipal  
107 employer to enter into or implement an interlocal agreement under  
108 sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, or to form a regional police force  
109 under section 1 of this act shall not be a subject of collective bargaining  
110 but the impact of such agreement or formation upon wages, hours and  
111 other conditions of employment, shall be a subject of collective  
112 bargaining."

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

Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	7-467
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	7-478a