



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 138

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House Bill No. 5295

House of Representatives, March 24, 2026

The Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs reported through REP. FOSTER of the 57th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT NAMING THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The state military
2 readiness center in Putnam shall be named the Governor John Dempsey
3 Connecticut National Guard Readiness Center in honor of John
4 Dempsey, who served as mayor of and state representative for the town
5 of Putnam and as the eighty-first governor of Connecticut.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
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VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which names the Connecticut National Guard readiness center in Putnam the "Governor John Dempsey Connecticut National Guard Readiness Center", results in no fiscal impact as the facility is currently under construction.

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OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5295

***AN ACT NAMING THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD
READINESS CENTER IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM.***

SUMMARY

This bill names the Connecticut National Guard readiness center in Putnam the "Governor John Dempsey Connecticut National Guard Readiness Center." John Dempsey was the 81st governor of Connecticut and served as both mayor of and state representative for Putnam.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/10/2026)