



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 301**

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Senate Bill No. 402

*Senate, April 1, 2026*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "RETIRED POLICE OFFICER" FOR PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHOOL SECURITY SERVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-244a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school year  
4 thereafter, no municipality or local or regional board of education may  
5 employ or enter into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2) of  
6 subsection (b) of section 53a-217b, with any person, other than a sworn  
7 member of an organized local police department or a retired police  
8 officer as provided in subsection (b) of this section, to provide security  
9 services in a public school if such person will possess a firearm, as  
10 defined in section 53a-3, while in the performance of his or her duties.

11 (b) A municipality or a local or regional board of education may  
12 employ or enter into an agreement with a retired police officer to

13 provide security services in a public school if such retired police officer  
 14 is a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in 18 USC 926C,  
 15 as amended from time to time. Such retired police officer shall receive  
 16 annual training pursuant to section 7-294x and shall successfully  
 17 complete annual firearms training provided by a certified firearms  
 18 instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the Police Officer  
 19 Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C, as amended from time  
 20 to time. Such retired police officer shall not be subject to the licensing  
 21 requirements of part II of chapter 534.

22 (c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, "retired police  
 23 officer" means (1) a sworn member of an organized local police  
 24 department who was certified by the Police Officer Standards and  
 25 Training Council, [and] retired or separated in good standing from such  
 26 department [or] and is not prohibited from being hired by a law  
 27 enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, (2) a sworn member of the  
 28 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services  
 29 and Public Protection who retired or separated in good standing from  
 30 said division [, (2)] and is not prohibited from being hired by a law  
 31 enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, (3) a sworn federal law  
 32 enforcement agent who retired or separated in good standing from such  
 33 federal law enforcement service, is not prohibited from being hired by a  
 34 law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c and [who] meets or  
 35 exceeds the standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training  
 36 Council for certification in this state, or [(3)] (4) a sworn officer of an  
 37 organized police department in another state who was certified under  
 38 standards that meet or exceed the standards of the Police Officer  
 39 Standards and Training Council for certification in this state, [and who]  
 40 retired or separated in good standing from such department and is not  
 41 prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to  
 42 section 7-291c.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	10-244a

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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

The bill specifies that school districts cannot hire security or police officers who will possess a firearm if they are prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit. The bill has no fiscal impact as it is not expected to increase security costs incurred by school districts.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 402*****AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "RETIRED POLICE OFFICER" FOR PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING SCHOOL SECURITY SERVICES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill disqualifies anyone who is prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit from being hired to provide armed security services in public schools as a retired police officer. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, limits who a municipality or board of education can employ or contract with for these services to (1) sworn members of local police departments and (2) retired police officers.

By law, law enforcement units cannot hire someone who was previously employed as a police officer and (1) was dismissed for malfeasance or serious misconduct calling into question his or her fitness to serve as an officer or (2) resigned or retired during an investigation into such conduct.

In addition to the bill's disqualification, existing law generally limits who can qualify as a retired police officer to those who (1) served with a local police department, the State Police, a federal law enforcement agency, or an out-of-state police department, (2) left in good standing, and (3) are a "qualified retired law enforcement officer" under the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**BACKGROUND*****Malfeasance and Serious Misconduct***

Under existing law, "malfeasance" has its common meaning (i.e. a wrongful, unlawful, or dishonest act) and "serious misconduct" means

an officer’s improper or illegal actions connected with official duties that could cause a miscarriage of justice or discrimination, such as a felony conviction, evidence fabrication, repeated use of excessive force, bribe acceptance, or fraud.

**Related Bills**

sSB 397, § 11, favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee, modifies the law restricting law enforcement unit hirings so that it applies against specified peace officers instead of police officers.

sHB 5323, § 6, favorably reported by the Education Committee, (1) allows qualifying former parole officers, under certain conditions, to be armed security guards in public schools and (2) makes retired officers who left due to disciplinary action or while under investigation or while a disciplinary action was pending ineligible to provide these services.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29    Nay 0    (03/17/2026)