



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 409

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 ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE STATUTORY ROLES OF THE VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY POSITIONS IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint
2 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
3 matters relating to public safety and security shall convene a working
4 group to study the statutory roles of the various law enforcement and
5 public safety positions in the state, as set forth in the general statutes.
6 Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an identification of
7 the various positions performing law enforcement and public safety
8 functions throughout the state, an identification of the specific
9 jurisdiction and responsibilities of such positions, an assessment of
10 which such positions are required to be trained or certified by the Police
11 Officer Standards and Training Council and an assessment of any
12 statutory changes that may be necessary for the purpose of
13 appropriately defining such positions or for any other purpose related
14 to the objectives of the working group.

15 (b) The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the
16 following members:

17 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to public safety and security, or their designees;

20 (2) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
21 or the commissioner's designee;

22 (3) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee;

23 (4) One representative of the Court Support Services Division of the
24 Judicial Branch, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint
25 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
26 matters relating to public safety and security;

27 (5) One representative of the Police Officer Standards and Training
28 Council, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint
29 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
30 matters relating to public safety and security;

31 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association,
32 who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to public safety and security; and

35 (7) Any additional members, as deemed necessary by the
36 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
37 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security.

38 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
39 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
40 security shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which
41 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
42 section.

43 (d) The members of the working group shall select two

44 cochairpersons from among the members of the working group.

45 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
47 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

48 (f) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a
49 report on its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
50 legislative proposals, to the joint standing committee of the General
51 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
52 security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
53 general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it
54 submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which has no fiscal impact, creates a working group to study the statutory roles of the various law enforcement and public safety positions in the state. It is anticipated that the members of the working group have the expertise necessary to meet the requirements of the bill.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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