

Labor and Public Employees Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5493 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
Title: STIPENDS FOR THE CONNECTICUT CIVIL AIR PATROL.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/10/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Labor & Public Employees Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The reason for this bill is to study the establishment of stipends for the CT Civil Air Patrol, an all-volunteer group of pilots who provide essential search and survey tasks for the state of Connecticut.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None provided.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Col. Ashley LaPlante, Wing Commander, Civil Air Patrol: testifies that, since the CT Wing of the CAP is composed entirely of volunteers, many operations are dependent on members taking time off work, which becomes harder in a challenging economy. Stipends would provide relief and allow operations to flourish.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous 12 and 13: oppose for reasons unrelated to the bill.

Reported by: Lawrence Sanchez & Olivia Buczak **Date:** 3/30/2026