

Public Safety and Security Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-277 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FIRE MARSHAL QUALIFICATIONS, BURN INJURY REPORTS AND STATE BUILDING CODE

Title: PROVISIONS RELATING TO ACCESSIBILITY.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/3/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill intends to revise current statute at the recommendation of the Department of Administrative Services. The bill seeks to provide the state fire marshal with a better picture of potentially preventable injuries and to allow the general public to easily receive interpretations of fire safety codes from the fire marshal's office.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language of this bill adds a working group within the Department of Administrative Services to study the code official career pathway. Section 1 is removed from the underlying bill. Section 2 allows the state fire marshal to offer interpretations of the state fire safety code at the request of any individual. Section 3 requires the Department of Public Health to report annually to the Office of the State Fire Marshal about any fire and burn injuries caused by explosives, fireworks, and smoke inhalation.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Michelle Gilman, Commissioner of Department of Administrative Services](#), wrote in support of the bill as it aims to enhance the professional development of Inspectors and Fire Marshal's, strengthen the functionality of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), aims to provide OSFM with consistent and reliable data on burn injuries, and nullify outdated statutes related to State Building Code.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Roger Nelson, Co-Legislative Representative of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association](#), submitted testimony in support of the bill. He stated that the new certification levels in Section 1 intend to help larger cities complete more residential inspections. He noted Section 2 fixes a gap, saying that it allows the State Fire Marshal to have authority to issue official interpretations of the Fire Safety Code and oversee the burn injury reports.

Change Recommended:

- Section 1 include the Fire Marshal Training Council

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Shari Olsen](#), wrote in opposition regarding a different bill, and made comments on S.B.No.6

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Date: 3/26/26