
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5400

AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "POLICE PATROL VEHICLE".

SUMMARY

Under existing law, each state and local law enforcement unit must require the use of dashboard cameras with a remote recorder in each police patrol vehicle used by any of the police officers it employs (CGS § 29-6d(c)). This bill specifies that a "police patrol vehicle" does not include (1) administrative vehicles with a body camera-wearing occupant, (2) bicycles, (3) motor scooters, (4) all-terrain vehicles, (5) electric personal assistive mobility devices, and (6) animal control vehicles. In effect, a "police patrol vehicle" is any state or local police vehicle besides these excluded vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 5291, § 15, favorably reported by the Public Safety and Security Committee, has identical provisions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 1 (03/17/2026)