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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 366**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENT REPORT AND CERTAIN REPORTS BY PEACE OFFICERS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill builds on an existing requirement under which police officers and other investigating agencies and people must send the transportation commissioner an accident report, within five days after completing an investigation, for any motor vehicle accident in which someone (1) was killed or injured or (2) incurred more than \$1,000 in property damage. The bill requires these investigators to make their reports available within 30 days after completing their investigations to any accident participants or witnesses they interviewed.

Additionally, the bill requires each peace officer to prepare a report describing any matter in which a person has an emergency medical condition or is medically unstable while in the officer's direct audio or visual contact or under his or her custody or control. Reports must be done within five days after a matter occurred and, if requested by the person, the peace officer must give a copy of the completed report to the person within five days after the report's completion. By law, with limited exceptions, peace officers must immediately request emergency medical services for someone experiencing this type of medical event under these circumstances (CGS § 7-294pp(c)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

#### **DEFINITIONS**

By law and under the bill, an "emergency medical condition" or being "medically unstable" can arise from a condition that is physical, behavioral, or related to a substance use or mental health disorder. An emergency medical condition causes symptoms severe enough,

including severe pain, that a prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine reasonably determines prompt medical attention is warranted to avoid serious jeopardy, impairment, or dysfunction. A person is medically unstable if their condition could reasonably be understood, under the same layperson standard, to lead to an emergency (CGS § 7-294pp(a)).

The following people are designated “peace officers:” state and local police, Division of Criminal Justice inspectors, state marshals exercising statutory powers, judicial marshals performing their duties, conservation or special conservation officers, constables who perform criminal law enforcement duties, appointed special police officers, adult probation officers, Department of Correction officials authorized to make arrests in a correctional institution or facility, investigators in the State Treasurer’s Office, certified Department of Motor Vehicles inspectors, U.S. marshals and deputy marshals, U.S. special agents authorized to enforce federal food and drug laws, and certified police officers of a law enforcement unit created and governed under a state-tribal memorandum (CGS §§ 7-294pp(a) & 53a-3).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 13 (03/17/2026)