



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 334**

February Session, 2026

House Bill No. 5493

*House of Representatives, April 1, 2026*

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. SANCHEZ, E. of the 24th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Comptroller shall study the  
2 feasibility and cost of establishing a program to provide stipends to  
3 members of the civil air patrol, as defined in section 28-17a of the general  
4 statutes, when such members are absent from work for the purpose of  
5 (1) responding as a member of the civil air patrol to an emergency  
6 declared by the Governor of this state or the President of the United  
7 States, (2) responding as a member of the civil air patrol to a request for  
8 assistance in an emergency, natural disaster or life-threatening event at  
9 the request of the United States Air Force or Coast Guard, the  
10 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Division  
11 of Emergency Management and Homeland Security within the  
12 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the state  
13 police or a local police department in this state, or (3) participating as a  
14 member of the civil air patrol in required emergency services training

15 programs and exercises. Not later than January 1, 2027, the Comptroller  
16 shall submit a report on the results of such study, in accordance with the  
17 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
19 relating to labor and public employees.

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

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Comptroller to study the feasibility of establishing a stipend program for civil air patrol members who are absent from work under certain conditions and does not result in a fiscal impact since the agency has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13    Nay 0    (03/17/2026)