



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 397

File No. 399

Cal. No. 455

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study and identify the causes and factors contributing to the decrease
5 in traffic stops and enforcement of motor vehicle violations in the state
6 since 2018, and the increase in traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities
7 during such time period. Such study shall include, but need not be
8 limited to, consideration of the following: (1) The morale level among
9 rank-and-file State Police officers, (2) recent changes to state law, (3) the
10 public attitude toward police officers and the police as an institution,
11 and (4) any correlation or relationship between decreased traffic
12 enforcement and increased traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities.

- 13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 14 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 who is a member of the employee organization representing sworn State
16 Police officers;
- 17 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
18 a member of the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project Advisory Board, or
19 a member of the staff assigned to such project;
- 20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who is a member of the Connecticut Legislative Black
22 and Puerto Rican Caucus of the General Assembly;
- 23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
24 member of the command staff of the State Police;
- 25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, who is a representative of the Connecticut Police
27 Chiefs Association;
- 28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
29 representative of the Police Officers Association of Connecticut;
- 30 (7) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
31 designee;
- 32 (8) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
33 designee; and
- 34 (9) One appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of the
35 American Civil Liberties Union.
- 36 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
37 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
38 of the General Assembly.
- 39 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later

40 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
41 be filled by the appointing authority.

42 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
43 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
44 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
45 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
46 days after the effective date of this section.

47 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
48 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
49 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

50 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
51 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
53 safety and security in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
54 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
55 submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later."

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