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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM STATE-WIDE POLICE
PURSUIT POLICY.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-283a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
5 Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the Police
6 Officer Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police Chiefs
7 Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Correctional
8 Officers, shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, a
9 uniform, state-wide policy for handling pursuits by police officers. Such
10 policy shall specify: (A) [The conditions under which] That a police
11 officer may engage in a pursuit [and discontinue a pursuit] when the
12 police officer believes that a suspect committed a felony, as defined in
13 section 53a-25, (B) the factors that may be considered in a police officer's
14 decision to engage in a pursuit, including, but not limited to, the
15 protection of the public, the known or suspected offense, the apparent

16 need for immediate apprehension, risks to police officers, motorists and
17 the public and alternative measures to be employed by any such police
18 officer in order to apprehend any occupant of the fleeing motor vehicle
19 or to impede the movement of such motor vehicle, (C) the factors that
20 may be considered in a police officer's decision to discontinue a pursuit,
21 including, but not limited to, risks to the public and any pursuing police
22 officer, the protection of the public, the known or suspected offense, the
23 apparent need for immediate apprehension, vehicular and pedestrian
24 traffic conditions, speeds, volume and safety, weather conditions and
25 whether the suspect is identified and may be apprehended at a later
26 time or whether the suspect is unknown, (D) the coordination and
27 responsibility, including control over the pursuit, of supervisory
28 personnel and the police officer engaged in such pursuit, [(D)] (E) in the
29 case of a pursuit that may proceed and continue into another
30 municipality, (i) the requirement to notify and the procedures to be used
31 to notify the police department in such other municipality or, if there is
32 no organized police department in such other municipality, the officers
33 responsible for law enforcement in such other municipality, that there
34 is a pursuit in progress, and (ii) the coordination and responsibility of
35 supervisory personnel in each such municipality and the police officer
36 engaged in such pursuit, [(E)] (F) the type and amount of training in
37 pursuits, that each police officer shall undergo, which may include
38 training in vehicle simulators, if vehicle simulator training is
39 determined to be necessary, and [(F)] (G) that a police officer
40 immediately notify supervisory personnel or the officer in charge after
41 the police officer begins a pursuit. The chief of police or Commissioner
42 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the case may be, shall
43 inform each officer within such chief's or said commissioner's
44 department and each officer responsible for law enforcement in a
45 municipality in which there is no such department of the existence of
46 the policy of pursuit to be employed by any such officer and shall take
47 whatever measures that are necessary to assure that each such officer
48 understands the pursuit policy established.

49 (2) Not later than January 1, [2021] 2027, and at least once during each
50 five-year period thereafter, the Commissioner of Emergency Services
51 and Public Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the
52 Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police
53 Chiefs Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and
54 Correctional Officers, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
55 provisions of chapter 54, to update such policy adopted pursuant to
56 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-283a(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the revision of the uniform state-wide policy for handling pursuits by police officers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]