General Assembly **Substitute Bill No. 7074**

January Session, 2025

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

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

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 Subsection (b) of section 14-283a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) (1) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and Correctional Officers, shall adopt, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, a uniform, state-wide policy for handling pursuits by police officers. Such policy shall specify: (A) **[**The conditions under which**]** That a police officer may engage in a pursuit **[**and discontinue a pursuit, (B)**]** when the police officer believes that an occupant of a moving motor vehicle committed a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, (B) the factors that may be considered in a police officer's decision to engage in a pursuit, including, but not limited to, the protection of the public, the known or suspected offense, the apparent need for immediate apprehension, risks to police officers, motorists and the public and alternative measures to be employed by any such police officer in order to apprehend any occupant of the fleeing motor vehicle or to impede the movement of such motor vehicle, (C) the factors that may be considered in a police

officer's decision to discontinue a pursuit, including, but not limited to, risks to the public and any pursuing police officer, the protection of the public, the known or suspected offense, the apparent need for immediate apprehension, vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions, such as speed, volume and safety, weather conditions and whether such occupant is identified and may be apprehended at a later time or whether such occupant is unknown, (D) the coordination and responsibility, including control over the pursuit, of supervisory personnel and the police officer engaged in such pursuit, **[**(D)**]** (E) in the case of a pursuit that may proceed and continue into another municipality, (i) the requirement to notify and the procedures to be used to notify the police department in such other municipality or, if there is no organized police department in such other municipality, the officers responsible for law enforcement in such other municipality, that there is a pursuit in progress, and (ii) the coordination and responsibility of supervisory personnel in each such municipality and the police officer engaged in such pursuit, **[**(E)**]** (F) the type and amount of training in pursuits, that each police officer shall undergo, which may include training in vehicle simulators, if vehicle simulator training is determined to be necessary, and **[**(F)**]** (G) that a police officer immediately notify supervisory personnel or the officer in charge after the police officer begins a pursuit. The chief of police or Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, as the case may be, shall inform each officer within such chief's or said commissioner's department and each officer responsible for law enforcement in a municipality in which there is no such department of the existence of the policy of pursuit to be employed by any such officer and shall take whatever measures that are necessary to assure that each such officer understands the pursuit policy established.

(2) Not later than January 1, **[**2021**]** 2027, and at least once during each five-year period thereafter, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in conjunction with the Chief State's Attorney, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and the Connecticut Coalition of Police and

Correctional Officers, shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to update such policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	14-283a(b)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(1)(A), "a suspect" was changed to "an occupant of a moving motor vehicle" for consistency with other provisions of the general statutes; and in Section 1(b)(1)(C), "conditions, speeds" was changed to "conditions, such as speed" for clarity and "the suspect" was changed to "such occupant" for consistency with other provisions of the section and the general statutes.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*