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LCO No. 2546



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In any prosecution for an
2 offense, no federal officer, employee or agent shall have immunity for
3 any action taken under color of federal law, unless such officer's,
4 employee's or agent's action was: (1) Authorized by federal law; and (2)
5 necessary and proper to execute such officer's, employee's or agent's
6 official duties as a federal officer, employee or agent.

7 Sec. 2. Section 7-291c of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

9 (a) No law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, shall hire
10 any person as a police officer, as defined in said section 7-294a, who was
11 previously employed as a federal law enforcement official or police
12 officer by such unit or in any other jurisdiction and who (1) was
13 dismissed for malfeasance or other serious misconduct calling into
14 question such person's fitness to serve as a police officer; or (2) resigned
15 or retired from such official's or officer's position while under

16 investigation for such malfeasance or other serious misconduct.

17 (b) Any law enforcement unit that has knowledge that any former
18 police officer of such unit who (1) (A) was dismissed for malfeasance or
19 other serious misconduct, or (B) resigned or retired from such officer's
20 position while under investigation for such malfeasance or other serious
21 misconduct; and (2) is an applicant for the position of police officer with
22 any other law enforcement unit, shall inform such other unit and the
23 Police Officer Standards and Training Council established under section
24 7-294b of such dismissal, resignation or retirement.

25 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any federal law
26 enforcement official or police officer who is exonerated of each
27 allegation against such official or officer of such malfeasance or other
28 serious misconduct.

29 (d) For purposes of this section, (1) "malfeasance" means the
30 commonly approved usage of "malfeasance"; and (2) "serious
31 misconduct" means improper or illegal actions taken by a federal law
32 enforcement official or police officer in connection with such official's or
33 officer's official duties that could result in a miscarriage of justice or
34 discrimination, including, but not limited to, (A) a conviction of a felony,
35 (B) fabrication of evidence, (C) repeated use of excessive force, (D)
36 acceptance of a bribe, or (E) the commission of fraud.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	7-291c

Statement of Purpose:

To restate the law concerning immunity for actions taken by a federal officer, an employee or an agent and extend prohibitions against hiring a police officer dismissed for malfeasance, or who resigned or retired while under investigation to the hiring of a federal law enforcement official as a police officer.

[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.]