



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5453

LCO No. 1943



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY REGARDING STATE-WIDE
ESSENTIAL WORKER AND FIRST RESPONDER JOB
CLASSIFICATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency Services
3 and Public Protection and the Labor Commissioner, shall conduct a
4 study to (1) determine whether a state-wide "essential worker" or "first
5 responder" job classification should be established, and (2) if so, (A)
6 determine what effect, if any, such classifications would have on the jobs
7 that fit within such classifications, including, but not limited to, any
8 effect on employee benefits or the requirements applicable to such jobs,
9 (B) develop definitions of such classifications, and (C) determine
10 whether telecommunicators, as defined in section 28-30 of the general
11 statutes, and employees of public works departments, as defined in
12 section 31-57s of the general statutes, should be classified as essential
13 workers or first responders. Not later than January 1, 2027, the
14 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall submit a report, in
15 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

16 concerning the results of such study to the joint standing committee of
17 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
18 safety and security.

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

To require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to (1) conduct a study regarding state-wide "essential worker" and "first responder" job classifications, and (2) submit a report on the results of such study.

[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.]