



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 409**

LCO No. 2588



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE  
STATUTORY ROLES OF THE VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY POSITIONS IN THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint  
2 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3 matters relating to public safety and security shall convene a working  
4 group to study the statutory roles of the various law enforcement and  
5 public safety positions in the state, as set forth in the general statutes.  
6 Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an identification of  
7 the various positions performing law enforcement and public safety  
8 functions throughout the state, an identification of the specific  
9 jurisdiction and responsibilities of such positions, an assessment of  
10 which such positions are required to be trained or certified by the Police  
11 Officer Standards and Training Council and an assessment of any  
12 statutory changes that may be necessary for the purpose of  
13 appropriately defining such positions or for any other purpose related  
14 to the objectives of the working group.

15 (b) The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
16 following members:

17 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
19 relating to public safety and security, or their designees;

20 (2) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
21 or the commissioner's designee;

22 (3) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee;

23 (4) One representative of the Court Support Services Division of the  
24 Judicial Branch, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint  
25 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
26 matters relating to public safety and security;

27 (5) One representative of the Police Officer Standards and Training  
28 Council, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint  
29 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
30 matters relating to public safety and security;

31 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association,  
32 who shall be appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to public safety and security; and

35 (7) Any additional members, as deemed necessary by the  
36 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
37 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security.

38 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
39 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and  
40 security shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which  
41 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
42 section.

43 (d) The members of the working group shall select two  
44 cochairpersons from among the members of the working group.

45 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
47 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

48 (f) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a  
49 report on its findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
50 legislative proposals, to the joint standing committee of the General  
51 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and  
52 security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
53 general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it  
54 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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a working group to study the statutory roles of the various law enforcement and public safety positions in the state.

*[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.]*