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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 26-128—HB 5349
General Law Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING A POLICE OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM
AND THE ROUNDING OF CERTAIN CASH PURCHASES**

SUMMARY: This act requires a person or entity selling goods or services at retail to round a price down to the nearest five cents (for prices ending in one, two, six, or seven cents) or up to the nearest five cents (for prices ending in three, four, eight, or nine cents) when conducting an in-person transaction with someone paying cash. Rounding must be based on the total price, which includes all service and merchant fees and taxes minus any discount or deduction. These provisions do not apply when (1) the total price is four cents or less or (2) payment is by a demand or negotiable instrument (such as a check), electronic funds transfer, money order, credit or debit card, electronic payment, or similar method. Recently, the federal government stopped manufacturing new pennies.

The act also requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), by January 1, 2028, to consult with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and coordinate with a private higher education institution in West Haven (the University of New Haven) to establish a one-day training program for police officers. The training must be aimed at police officer retention and readiness; be available online; and include expert instruction, scenario-based exercises, de-escalation skills, and practical planning. The act specifies that it does not require police officers to attend the training.

Beginning by January 1, 2029, DESPP must annually report to the Public Safety and Security and Labor and Public Employees committees on the program's status.
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2027, except the police training provision is effective October 1, 2026