

Governor Ned Lamont State of Connecticut



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HOUSE BILL 5055 AN ACT STRENGTHENING POLICE DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Problem

Last year's events at the Connecticut State Police highlighted gaps in reporting of police activity, especially regarding traffic stops, emphasizing a need for greater transparency within the department.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Make it illegal to submit a false statement in a law enforcement record. While it is a clear violation of professional and ethical standards for a police officer to submit a false report, our laws do not currently make it clear that this intentional subversion of the public trust is a crime. This bill creates a class D felony for intentional misstatements in a law enforcement record that are intended to mislead a public official.

Require reporting of possible crimes committed by police officers to the Chief State's Attorney. There are currently limited reporting requirements involving the submission of false records to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), and no reporting requirements to the Chief State's Attorney. This bill creates a clear reporting policy structure: information relating to truthfulness most be disclosed to POST, and all evidence of possible criminal conduct must be reported to the Chief State's Attorney.

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