



Lamont-Bysiewicz Transition Policy Committee Reporting Template

Committee Name: Public Safety

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Please address the following questions using this template in a memo not exceed 2 pages. You are welcome to submit appendices or other attachments in addition to the memo.

1. How do you propose the Lamont Administration should prioritize the policy goals in this area, and on what timeframe?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: a. Mandatory safe storage laws (loaded v. unloaded; in the presence of any juvenile or any prohibited person); b. Prohibition on ghost and 3-D firearms; c. Prohibition on leaving firearms in the passenger compartment of motor vehicles; d. A "display your permit" requirement if a person is engaged in "open carry"; e. Carrying a firearm while intoxicated by alcohol should be based on a .08 BAC standard, intoxication by drugs should be included, the offense should be a felony, and should be an automatic firearm permit disqualifier.

Opioid Addiction Issues: a. Physicians in prisons facilities should be allowed to prescribe suboxone; b. Protective custody/emergency committals (non-consensual as necessary) should be permissible in the event of a "Narcan save"; c. Improved resource options for treatment/care.

Public Safety Resources: a. Adequate funding for the state crime lab, medical examiner's office, state police (including a possible DROP program; see addendum #1), state's attorney's office, and regional police task forces; b. PTSD workers compensation benefits for certain public safety personnel; c. Change to existing law to allow the return of a police officer's service weapon after in-patient mental health treatment; d. Sufficient public safety personnel and prosecutors, through state DOT grant programs, for proactive motor vehicle enforcement efforts; e. Increased efforts to promote diversity in the law enforcement hiring pool; f. Resources to address terrorist attacks and mass shootings (see addendum #2).

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: a. Expand the motorcycle helmet law to all operators and passengers; b. Requirement for use of seatbelts in the backseats of vehicles; c. Public education component in advance of either of these changes; d. Precursor steps to any consideration of the legalization of marijuana (see addendum #3); e. Expand the graduated driver's license law.

2. Which goals are achievable in the first 100 days of the Administration?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: Safe storage and ghost-gun/3-D gun law.

Opioid Addiction Issues: Prison physician's ability to prescribe suboxone.

Public Safety Resources: Diversity in hiring.

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: Possible, although legislation will be required.

3. Which goals will require legislation to move forward? Which items can be advanced through the actions of the Administration alone? What is the fiscal impact of these legislative or executive actions?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: All require legislation; no financial impact.

Opioid Addiction Issues: “b” requires legislation; only “c” will have a financial impact.

Public Safety Resources: “b” and “c” require legislation; “a” “b” “d” and “f” have financial impact.

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: “a” “b” “d” and “e” require legislation; no financial impact.

4. Are there specific challenges you can identify with regard to achieving the Lamont Administration’s goals, and how would you suggest to address those?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: Opposition will be encountered from firearms advocacy organizations.

Opioid Addiction Issues: Funding is viewed as the primary impediment; no philosophical objections are anticipated. This is an area of significant public concern across demographics.

Public Safety Resources: A significant promotion of public safety can be anticipated.

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: Opposition is anticipated on the motorcycle helmet proposal.

5. How will implementation of policy in this area create jobs and spur economic growth?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: None; public safety will be advanced however.

Opioid Addiction Issues: Additional employment opportunities for medical providers.

Public Safety Resources: Additional public safety employment opportunities will be created.

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: None; public safety will be advanced however.

6. Are there opportunities for cost savings for CT state government in the context of implementing this policy?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: Lessened medical care expenses to the state.

Opioid Addiction Issues: Lessened medical care expenses to the state.

Public Safety Resources: In addition to promoting roadway safety, increased enforcement revenues can make many aspects of these expenses cost neutral.

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: Lessened medical care expenses to the state.

7. What examples of success from other states, countries, or the private sector in this policy area should the Administration study?

Firearms Violence and Injuries: While states vary greatly, Connecticut has been a leader in this area since before Sandy Hook. These changes only further enhance public safety.

Opioid Addiction Issues: Every jurisdiction is seemingly struggling in this area.

Public Safety Resources: Our roadways are under-policed and laws under-enforced.

Promotion of Motor Vehicle Safety: 18 states have adopted a universal helmet law.

8. Are there any other issues/considerations you would like to highlight with regard to this policy area?

Consideration should be given to establishing a standing taskforce to further consider these issues and offer recommendations in the future.