



Substitute House Bill No. 5273

Public Act No. 07-151

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL AND MISSING PERSONS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall develop and implement a policy concerning the acceptance of missing person reports by law enforcement agencies in this state and such agencies' response thereto. Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, guidelines for the acceptance of a missing person report, the types of information that a law enforcement agency should seek to ascertain and record concerning the missing person that would aid in locating the missing person, the circumstances that indicate that a missing person is a high risk missing person, the types of information that a law enforcement agency should provide to the person making the missing person report, a family member or any other person in a position to assist the law enforcement agency in its efforts to locate the missing person and the responsibilities of a law enforcement agency in responding to a missing person report and the manner of such response.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-294d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

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passage):

(a) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall have the following powers:

(1) To develop and periodically update and revise a comprehensive municipal police training plan;

(2) To approve, or revoke the approval of, any police training school and to issue certification to such schools and to revoke such certification;

(3) To set the minimum courses of study and attendance required and the equipment and facilities to be required of approved police training schools;

(4) To set the minimum qualifications for law enforcement instructors and to issue appropriate certification to such instructors;

(5) To require that all probationary candidates receive the hours of basic training deemed necessary before being eligible for certification, such basic training to be completed within one year following the appointment as a probationary candidate, unless the candidate is granted additional time to complete such basic training by the council;

(6) To require the registration of probationary candidates with the academy within ten days of hiring for the purpose of scheduling training;

(7) To issue appropriate certification to police officers who have satisfactorily completed minimum basic training programs;

(8) To require that each police officer satisfactorily complete at least forty hours of certified review training every three years in order to maintain certification, unless the officer is granted additional time not to exceed one year to complete such training by the council;

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(9) To renew the certification of those police officers who have satisfactorily completed review training programs;

(10) To establish uniform minimum educational and training standards for employment as a police officer in full-time positions, temporary or probationary positions and part-time or voluntary positions;

(11) To visit and inspect police basic training schools and to inspect each school at least once each year;

(12) To consult with and cooperate with universities, colleges and institutes for the development of specialized courses of study for police officers in police science and police administration;

(13) To consult with and cooperate with departments and agencies of this state and other states and the federal government concerned with police training;

(14) To employ an executive director, an unclassified executive secretary and any other personnel that may be necessary in the performance of its functions;

(15) To perform any other acts that may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the functions of the council as set forth in sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

(16) To accept contributions, grants, gifts, donations, services or other financial assistance from any governmental unit, public agency or the private sector;

(17) To conduct any inspection and evaluation that may be necessary to determine if a law enforcement unit is complying with the provisions of this section;

(18) At the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to

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conduct general or specific management surveys;

(19) To develop objective and uniform criteria for granting any waiver of regulations or procedures established by the council;

(20) To recruit, select and appoint candidates to the position of probationary candidate, as defined in section 7-294a, and provide recruit training for candidates of the Connecticut Police Corps program in accordance with the Police Corps Act, 42 USC 14091 et seq., as amended from time to time;

(21) To develop, adopt and revise, as necessary, comprehensive accreditation standards for the administration and management of law enforcement units, to grant accreditation to those law enforcement units that demonstrate their compliance with such standards and, at the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to conduct such surveys as may be necessary to determine such unit's compliance with such standards;

(22) To appoint any council training instructor, or such other person as determined by the council, to act as a special police officer throughout the state as such instructor or other person's official duties may require, provided any such instructor or other person so appointed shall be a certified police officer. Each such special police officer shall be sworn and may arrest and present before a competent authority any person for any offense committed within the officer's precinct.

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