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Raised Bill No. 5304

LCO No. 1654



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIREARM TRAINING NEEDS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Emergency
2 Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Department of
3 Administrative Services, shall conduct a study to identify a suitable
4 replacement for the firearms training facility located in Simsbury in
5 order to meet the firearms training needs of the Department of
6 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The study shall include, but
7 need not be limited to, the following: (1) A description of the needs of a
8 firearms training facility; (2) an evaluation of each firearms training
9 facility owned by the state or available for use by the department
10 according to the (A) types of ranges such as indoor or outdoor, small
11 arms, rifle or shotgun, (B) capacity of each range in terms of the
12 number of persons that can use the range at the same time, (C) number
13 of hours the firearms training facility can be operated per day and on
14 weekends without creating a neighborhood nuisance, (D) on-site
15 classroom facilities, (E) potential for expansion to meet the needs of the

16 department, and (F) environmental issues at the site; (3) the feasibility
17 and desirability of using an existing firearms training facility or a
18 combination of existing firearms training facilities to meet the firearms
19 training needs of the department; and (4) a tentative construction
20 budget and timetable for locating the department's firearms training
21 facility at one or more existing firearms training facilities.

22 (b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit a
23 report on the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions
24 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
25 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
26 public safety and security.

27 (c) The department shall not proceed with the preparation of any
28 environmental impact evaluation under subsection (c) of section 22a-
29 1b of the general statutes pertaining to a firearms training facility until
30 the report described in subsection (b) of this section is submitted in
31 accordance with said subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to conduct a study regarding its firearms training needs.

[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.]