
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 165

AN ACT PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO A PHYSICIAN WHO ACCOMPANIES AND ASSISTS A STATE, REGIONAL OR MUNICIPAL SWAT TEAM.

SUMMARY

This bill specifically grants civil immunity to physicians who voluntarily, without compensation, and outside of the course of employment or practice, provide emergency medical assistance in connection with a special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team's law enforcement duties. Under the bill, physicians are not liable for civil damages for personal injuries resulting from ordinary negligence in their acts or omissions in providing this assistance. The bill applies whether they are assisting a state, regional, or local SWAT team.

Existing law already grants civil immunity for ordinary negligence to physicians who voluntarily, without compensation, and outside of the ordinary course of employment or practice, provide emergency assistance to people in need (CGS § 52-557b(a)).

Under the bill, as under existing law, the immunity does not apply to gross, willful, or wanton negligence.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39 Nay 0 (04/04/2022)