



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 28

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Substitute House Bill No. 5176

House of Representatives, March 16, 2022

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE POWERS, DUTIES,
BENEFITS AND CLASSIFICATION OF FIRST RESPONDERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section, "first
2 responder" means a police officer, as defined in section 7-294a of the
3 general statutes; a firefighter, as defined in section 7-313g of the general
4 statutes; an emergency medical responder, emergency medical
5 technician, advanced emergency medical technician and paramedic, as
6 such terms are defined in section 19a-175 of the general statutes; and a
7 telecommunicator, as defined in section 28-30 of the general statutes.

8 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in
9 consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative Services and
10 such state and private entities as the secretary considers appropriate,
11 shall:

12 (1) Examine the powers, duties and responsibilities of each type of
13 first responder;

14 (2) Examine the benefits available to each type of first responder,
15 including compensation and workers' compensation benefits;

16 (3) Examine the classification assigned to each type of first responder,
17 including classifications for state employees, and any impacts that result
18 from differences in classification; and

19 (4) Determine whether any differences in the benefits and
20 classification among different types of first responders are appropriate
21 based on the powers and duties of each type of first responder, and
22 make recommendations as to changes in the benefits and classification
23 of any type of first responder that the secretary determines are
24 appropriate based on the powers and duties of such first responders.

25 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the secretary shall submit a report
26 of such secretary's findings and recommendations under subsection (b)
27 of this section, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
28 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
30 security.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), "ambulance driver" was deleted for accuracy and consistency with terms used in the general statutes.

PS Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	Up to \$500,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to conduct a study concerning the responsibilities, powers, and benefits of various classifications of first responders and determine whether any differences among those classifications are appropriate.

As OPM does not currently have the expertise to conduct such a study, it is anticipated that a consultant would have to be hired. Such consultant could cost as much as \$500,000.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years, as the bill requires OPM to complete the study by January 1, 2023.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/03/2022)