

Public Safety and Security Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5288

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE MOTOR VEHICLE

Title: ACCIDENT REPORT FORM USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Vote Date: 3/22/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety

REASONS FOR BILL:

To form a task force, made up of 12 members total and are appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, president pro tempore of the Senate, majority leader of the House of Representatives, majority leader of the Senate, minority leader of the House of Representatives, minority leader of the Senate, Commissioner of Transportation and Commissioner of Emergency Service. These people all can be a member of the General Assembly. The task force will submit a report no later than January 1, 2023 for provisions of section 11-4a. The task force is to review and examine the motor vehicle accident (MVA) report forms used by local law enforcement.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Commissioner Joseph Giulietti of Department of Transportation has provided testimony and is in favor of this bill. He provided information on the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) in which what the purpose of it is and what data is recorded from the reports that the police officers write.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Rebecca Bombero, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, City of New Haven has provided testimony and is in favor of this bill because the total time that it takes to write MVA reports takes up a huge chunk of time that could be better used for crime prevention and solving other crimes. This bill will free up police officers to help more people on the streets and to protect their own.

Eric George, President of the Insurance Association of Connecticut (IAC) has provided testimony and is in favor of this bill because it will help reduce time needed for a police officer to investigate an accident, which allows them to do other tasks. They recommended that the bill is amended to include a member on the task force that has strong experience in dealing with insurance matters.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

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