
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1162 (File 391, as amended by Senate “A”)*

AN ACT REQUIRING COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES AND FUNDING COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS TO COMBAT GUN VIOLENCE.

SUMMARY

This bill requires, by October 1, 2023, and on a quarterly basis afterwards, each municipal law enforcement unit to hold a meeting, open to the public, with stakeholders who also serve the municipality to work towards reducing gun violence and crime. Under the bill, units may decide to hold meetings more often than quarterly or not at all if a unit’s chief, the municipality’s chief executive officer, and the municipality’s civilian police review board, if any, agree a meeting is unnecessary.

For stakeholder meetings, each municipal law enforcement unit must invite at least (1) one prosecutor who serves in the judicial district that includes the municipality and (2) representatives from social services and mental health agencies and organizations serving the municipality, organizations combatting gun violence in the municipality, and the judicial branch.

The meetings must seek to do the following:

1. encourage data collection and information sharing among meeting participants,
2. improve the responsiveness and accountability of the law enforcement unit to municipal residents, and
3. develop partnerships and coordinated strategies among participants and improve the responsiveness and provision of services by meeting participants to work towards reducing gun

violence and crime in the municipality.

*Senate Amendment "A" removes from the underlying bill the provision that would have required the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to create a pilot program for FYs 24 and 25 to provide funding for law enforcement units in certain large cities to combat gun violence and build trust between law enforcement and their communities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 4 (03/16/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 53 Nay 0 (05/01/2023)