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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 23-146—sSB 1162

*Public Safety and Security Committee
Appropriations Committee*

AN ACT REQUIRING COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES

SUMMARY: This act requires, by October 1, 2023, and on a quarterly basis afterward, each municipal law enforcement unit to hold a public meeting with stakeholders who also serve the municipality to work towards reducing gun violence and crime. Under the act, 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, a municipal law enforcement unit must invite at least one prosecutor who serves in the judicial district that includes the municipality and representatives from (1) social services and mental health agencies and organizations serving the municipality, (2) organizations combatting gun violence in the municipality, and (3) the judicial branch.

Under the act, the meetings must seek to do the following:

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage