



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1162

January Session, 2023



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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1,
2 2023, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, except as provided in
3 subsection (b) of this section, each municipal law enforcement unit
4 shall hold a meeting with stakeholders in the municipality such unit
5 serves. The unit shall invite to such meetings, at a minimum,
6 representatives from social services and mental health agencies and
7 organizations that serve the municipality, representatives from
8 organizations that seek to combat gun violence in the municipality,
9 representatives from the judicial branch and one or more prosecutors
10 serving the judicial district that includes the municipality. Such
11 meetings shall seek to: (1) Encourage information sharing, including
12 collection and sharing of data, among meeting participants; (2)
13 develop partnerships and coordinated strategies among participants to
14 reduce gun violence and crime in the municipality; and (3) improve
15 the responsiveness and accountability of the law enforcement unit to
16 the residents of the municipality, and improve the responsiveness of
17 and provision of services by meeting participants to the residents of
18 the municipality, in order to better serve the municipality and reduce
19 gun violence and crime in the municipality. Such meetings may occur
20 more frequently than quarterly as determined by the unit. Such

21 meetings shall be open to the public.

22 (b) If the chief of a municipal law enforcement unit, the chief
23 executive officer, as described in section 7-193 of the general statutes,
24 of the municipality served by such law enforcement unit and the
25 civilian police review board serving such municipality, if any, agree
26 that a meeting required by subsection (a) of this section is unnecessary,
27 such meeting shall not be held.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30,
29 2024, and June 30, 2025, the Department of Emergency Services and
30 Public Protection shall establish a pilot program to provide law
31 enforcement units, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes,
32 that serve a municipality with a population of one hundred thousand
33 or more with funding to enhance community policing programs, in
34 order to combat gun violence and build trust between law enforcement
35 units and the communities such units serve. If the department has
36 sufficient funds, the department may make such program available to
37 law enforcement units serving municipalities with populations of less
38 than one hundred thousand that are experiencing increased gun
39 violence.

40 (b) Not later than October 1, 2023, the Department of Emergency
41 Services and Public Protection shall post, in a conspicuous place on the
42 department's Internet web site, a description of the pilot program,
43 including, but not limited to, eligibility criteria and the application
44 process for the pilot program. A law enforcement unit shall apply for
45 such program on such forms and in such manner as determined by the
46 department.

47 (c) Each law enforcement unit that receives funding under the
48 program shall report to the department by July 1, 2025, on how the
49 unit has used the funds and whether such use impacted gun violence
50 in the municipality and the unit's relationship with the community.

51 (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, the department shall report, in

52 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
53 the following information to the joint standing committee of the
54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
55 safety and security: (1) The total amount of funds expended for the
56 program, (2) the amounts provided to specific law enforcement units,
57 and (3) a summary of the reports received by the department pursuant
58 to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(a), "they" was changed to "such units" for clarity; and in Section 2(d), "public safety" was changed to "public safety and security" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*