



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 shall
4 hold a meeting with stakeholders in the municipality such unit serves.
5 The unit shall invite to such meetings, at a minimum, representatives
6 from social services and mental health agencies and organizations that
7 serve the municipality, representatives from organizations that seek to
8 combat gun violence in the municipality, representatives from the
9 judicial branch and one or more prosecutors serving the judicial district
10 that includes the municipality. Such meetings shall seek to: (1)
11 Encourage information sharing, including collection and sharing of
12 data, among meeting participants; (2) develop partnerships and
13 coordinated strategies among participants to reduce gun violence and
14 crime in the municipality; and (3) improve the responsiveness and
15 accountability of the law enforcement unit to the residents of the
16 municipality, and improve the responsiveness of and provision of
17 services by meeting participants to the residents of the municipality, in
18 order to better serve the municipality and reduce gun violence and
19 crime in the municipality. Such meetings may occur more frequently

20 than quarterly as determined by the unit. Such meetings shall be open
21 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, of
24 the municipality served by such law enforcement unit and the civilian
25 police review board serving such municipality, if any, agree that a
26 meeting required by subsection (a) of this section is unnecessary, such
27 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 or
33 more with funding to enhance community policing programs, in order
34 to combat gun violence and build trust between law enforcement units
35 and the communities such units serve. If the department has sufficient
36 funds, the department may make such program available to law
37 enforcement units serving municipalities with populations of less than
38 one hundred thousand that are experiencing increased gun violence.

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

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

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

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

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*