

Public Safety and Security Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5280

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC
Title: INFORMATION NETWORK.

Vote Date: 3/19/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Public Safety and Security

CO-SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Travis Simms, 140th Dist.
Rep. Greg S. Howard, 43rd Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would require law enforcement units and the Division of Scientific Services to participate in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) databank. Participation includes the submission of any firearms and any fired components of ammunition involved in a criminal investigation to NIBIN for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of criminal investigations involving gun violence.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection (DESPP), Commissioner, Ronnell A. Higgins, supports this bill on behalf of DESPP and adds that the use of NIBIN will help establish investigative leads for law enforcement across all states and promote the reduction of gun crime and gun violence.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut High School, Sophomore Student, Trenton Burke, supports this bill and states in their testimony that utilizing NIBIN will help protect gun users and catch perpetrators of gun related crimes.

Connecticut Public School, Student, Anonymous, supports this bill and states in their testimony that NIBIN will make firearm related investigations more effective.

Ledyard High School, Student, Duncan Shaw, supports this bill and states in their testimony that this bill will help police to identify criminals and reduce future gun related crimes.

Ledyard High School, Sophomore Student, Sarah Garvey, supports this bill and states in their testimony that mandating the submission of ammunition to NIBIN will help law enforcement units during criminal investigations.

Ledyard High School, Sophomore Student, Robert Jackson, supports this bill and states in their testimony that this bill will allow faster identification of gun users who may be innocent or guilty in specific gun related criminal investigations.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Cathleen Collins

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