

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5379

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE STATE MARSHALS AND THE OPERATION OF THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION AND THE STATE

Title: MARSHALS ADVISORY BOARD.

Vote Date: 4/1/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/6/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The state marshals and the State Marshals Commission worked on legislation to improve the efficiency of their work. This bill makes several changes to the day-to-day operations of a state marshal.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language makes additional changes by removing sections at the request of the State Marshals Commission.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

State Marshal Association of Connecticut: They testified in support of the bill, stating that the improvements will aid in a more collaborative and proactive state marshal system. They stated that the bill will provide for better consistency and uniformity of procedures and improve the recruitment and selection process for future state marshals with a more robust hiring process. They strongly support the increase in training and education for state marshals as a current problem in the system is that there is not enough education after initial appointment of marshals.

Connecticut Judicial Branch, External Affairs Division: They take no position on the policies of the bill but have a few concerns. In section two, they had a concern regarding the reduction of state marshals allowed to serve in each county; the reduction could have an impact on the availability of marshals to serve restraining orders in a timely fashion, which is

crucial in protecting those who have been granted a restraining order. In section five, they had a concern in lines 127-130 where the bill allows the commission and the advisory board to coordinate dates and times for organizing groups of state marshals to execute capias orders. They requested that the Judicial Branch be involved in this coordination so that judges, family support magistrates, support enforcement services staff, clerks, and judicial marshals are not surprised with a large number of capias orders appearing in court without prior notice.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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