



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 415

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Substitute House Bill No. 7198

House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF CONSERVATION OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of Emergency
2 Services and Public Protection and Energy and Environmental
3 Protection shall jointly conduct a study on how to improve the
4 assignment of conservation officers appointed by the Commissioner of
5 Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to section 26-5 of the
6 general statutes throughout the state. Such study shall include, but need
7 not be limited to, an examination of (1) the feasibility of housing
8 conservation officers within the barracks of the Division of State Police
9 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
10 and (2) ways to improve the ability of conservation officers to enforce
11 the provisions of the general statutes listed in subsection (a) of section
12 26-6 of the general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2026, the
13 Commissioners of Emergency Services and Public Protection and
14 Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in

15 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 16 on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative
 17 action as a result of such study to the joint standing committees of the
 18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
 19 and the environment.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subdiv. (2), "enforce the various provisions of the general statutes that conservation officers are required to enforce pursuant to section" was changed to "enforce the provisions of the general statutes listed in subsection (a) of section" for accuracy and consistency with legislative intent.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Departments of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Energy and Environmental Protection to jointly conduct a study on how to improve the assignment of environmental conservation officers throughout the state, results in no fiscal impact because both agencies have the expertise to complete the study.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)