Public Safety and Security Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-411 / Bill Status / Public Hearing Testimony
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING STATE POLICE ASSIGNED TO HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/10/2026
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill aims to establish that any member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection assigned to a highway construction project, be paid according to a pre-established rate set by an agreement between Emergency Services and Public Protection and Department of Transportation. This bill is a continuation of a successful HPC pilot program to incentivize members of the State Police to work on DOT related projects, increasing safety for workers on the job site and drivers on the road.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut State Police Union, is in support, they cite work from the “HPC Pilot Program Agreement”, which provided an incentive for Troopers to work DOT projects on the highway. They said that this significantly increased the coverage on highways and had a positive effect on the safety work zones, construction workers and public safety. They note the HPC Pilot Program expired in 2025, however was extended to a new agreement for the 2026 calendar year. They support the bill because it would allow for Commissioners to determine the specific expectations, guidelines, and benefits related to the Department of Transportation projects. They request the Committee approve this proposed legislation.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed.

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Date: 3/26/26