

# **Police Accountability In Connecticut Bill**

**What you need to know**

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# Police Training

- Under the current Bill, State Police POST Training, all Police Officers in th State of Connecticut are required to undergo Implicit bias training.
  - Defining Implicit Bias Training as, Training about recognizing and mitigating unconscious biases against particular people that might influence judgements and decisions when interacting with them"



## **Training Includes:**

- 1) Implicit Bias
- 2) Using Physical Force
- 3) Use of Body Worn Cameras
- 4) Cultural Competency, sensitivity, and Bias free policing

# Body Worn Cameras

- Body Worn Cameras must be worn by..
  - 1) State Police
  - 2) Municipal Police Department
  - 3) Public University or Colleges

- Along With Body Worn Cameras, Police Departments are required to have Implement Dashboard cameras in each police patrol vehicle. Based on DESPP-POST guidelines.



- Vehicles
  - Cars
  - Bicycles
  - Motor scooters
  - All-terrain vehicles
  - electric personal assistive mobility devices
  - Animal Control Vehicles

# Civilian Review Boards

- Each Town Legislative Body to Establish a civilian police review board by ordinance
  - Under this Legislative Board
    - 1) To issue subpoenas to compel witness attendance before the board.
    - 2) Required the Production of books and papers, it deems relevant to any matter under investigation or in questoin.
    - 3) Must receive request from the Office of Inspector General to proceed into an investigation.

# Crowd Management Policy

- State of Connecticut will adopt a uniform policy in affect December 1st 2020
- Policy must meet several guidelines for managing crowds in a manne that meets the following

1) Protects individuals rights and preserves the peace during demonstaction and civil distrubances

2) Addresses permissible and impermissible use of forces by a police officer and the type and amount of crowd mangement training that each police officer must undergo.

3) Sets forth required documentation after any physical confrontatoin between police officer and

# Civil Cause of Action

- The bill establishes civilians to bring lawsuits against police officers who deprive and individuals or class of individuals of equal protection or privileges and immunities of state law.
- Municipality of Law Enforcement unit must protect HOWEVER - If the officer is found guilty, the officer will have to reimburse any expenses.
- Municipality, is not liable to the officer for any financial loss or expenses resulting from the officers act
- Police Officers no LONGER have Government Immunity
- Civilian Action must be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrues

# Behavioral Health Assessment

- Each Police Officer must during a periodic behavioral health assessment every 5 years as a condition of continued employment
- MUST be conducted by a board-Certified psychiatrist or psychologist
- Must given a written copy of the results to the officer and to the administrative head of the unit employing the officer



# Limits on Consent Search

- The Bill Prohibits consent searches of individuals by specifying that a person consenting to a search is not Justification of Law Enforcement
  - (Unless Probably Cause)
- Law Enforcement may not ask for a drivers consent to search of the vehicles or its contents.
- ANY SEARCH HAS TO BE BASED ON
  - 1) Based on probable cause
  - 2) Receiving drivers uncoliated consent in writing and recording from body worn cameras recording equipment or a dashboard cameras
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# Police Using Military Equipment

- Bill Prohibits and Law Enforcement agency from acquiring certain military equipment that include:

- controlled firearm
- Ammunition
- Bayonet
- Grenade Launcher
- Grenade
- Stun & Flash Bang
- Explosive
- Armored or Weaponized drone
- Controlled aircraft that is combat to configured or combar coded or has no established commerical flight applicatoin
- Controlled vechicle
- highly mobile muti-wheeled vehicle
- Mine-resistrant
- truck
- Truck dump
- Truck Utility
- a long-range acoustic device
- Federal supply class of banned items

# For More Information Please Visit

- <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2020/BA/PDF/2020HB-06004-R00SS1-BA.PDF>