

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>