



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5922**

LCO No. 5700



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT REQUIRING ANNUAL REPORTS ON USE OF FORCE BY  
STATE AND MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-282e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Each law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, shall  
4 create and maintain a record detailing any incident during which a  
5 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, (1) uses physical force that  
6 is likely to cause serious physical injury, as defined in section 53a-3, to  
7 another person or the death of another person, including, but not  
8 limited to, striking another person with an open or closed hand, club  
9 or baton, kicking another person or using pepper spray or an  
10 electroshock weapon on another person, or (2) discharges a firearm,  
11 except during a training exercise or in the course of dispatching an  
12 animal. Such record shall include, but not be limited to: The name of  
13 the police officer, the time and place of the incident, a description of  
14 what occurred during the incident and, to the extent known, the names  
15 of the victims and witnesses present at such incident.

16 (b) Not later than October 1, 2019, the Police Officer Standards and  
17 Training Council, established pursuant to section 7-294b, shall develop  
18 and promulgate a standardized form for an annual report that  
19 compiles the contents of records a law enforcement unit maintains  
20 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The form shall require  
21 statistics on each incident that is the subject of the record, including,  
22 but not limited to, (1) the race and gender of each person on whom  
23 force was used, provided the identification of such characteristics shall  
24 be based on the observation and perception of the police officer  
25 involved in the incident, (2) the location of each incident, the type of  
26 force used and the activities that led to the use of force, and (3) any  
27 injury suffered by a person against whom force was used.

28 (c) Not later than January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, the  
29 Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services  
30 and Public Protection and each municipal police department shall  
31 submit an annual use of force report using the form developed and  
32 promulgated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to the Criminal  
33 Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and  
34 Management.

35 (d) The Office of Policy and Management shall post the annual  
36 reports submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section on its  
37 Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-282e

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Division of State Police and municipal police departments to annually compile a report of their records detailing certain incidents where a police officer uses force or discharges a weapon.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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