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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COMMISSIONING OF POLICE OFFICERS AT
INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
4 may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone or
5 water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or controlling
6 any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission, during the
7 commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated by such
8 company who, having been sworn, may act at the expense of such
9 company as police officers upon the premises used or occupied by such
10 company in its business, or upon any highway adjacent to such
11 premises, for the proper protection of such plant or property, and each
12 police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some proper
13 authority any person in the police officer's precinct for any offense
14 committed therein. The commissioner may exercise such supervision
15 and direction over any police officer appointed as herein provided as

16 the commissioner deems necessary. When any such commission is
17 issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the
18 superior court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such
19 police officer shall act.

20 (b) The commissioner may, upon the application of any railroad,
21 express company or steamboat company, engaged in the business of
22 transportation in this state, or upon the application of any corporation
23 owning or having control of the roads in any private residence park, or
24 upon the application of the Connecticut Airport Authority, commission,
25 during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated by
26 such company or by such corporation, or one person designated by such
27 authority, who, having been sworn, may act, at the expense of such
28 company, corporation or authority, as a police officer or police officers,
29 as the case may be, upon the premises used by such company or
30 authority in its business, or upon its cars, vessels or airplanes, or upon
31 the roads and land owned by or under the control of such corporation
32 or authority, and each police officer so appointed may arrest and take
33 before some proper authority any person in the police officer's precinct
34 for any offense committed therein. When any such commission is issued
35 or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court
36 for each judicial district in which it is intended that such police officer
37 shall act. Each such police officer shall, when on duty, wear in plain
38 view a shield bearing the words "railroad police", "steamboat police",
39 "express company police" or "special police", as the case may be, and the
40 name of the company, corporation or authority for which the police
41 officer is commissioned.

42 (c) (1) The commissioner may, upon the application of any
43 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-
44 173, owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or controlling any
45 property in this state, commission, during the commissioner's pleasure,
46 one or more persons who are certified as police officers pursuant to
47 section 7-294d and designated by such institution. Having been sworn,
48 such person or persons may act, at the expense of such institution, as a
49 police officer or police officers, as the case may be, within a law

50 enforcement unit of the institution upon the premises used by such
 51 institution in its activities. Each police officer so appointed may arrest
 52 and take before some proper authority any person in the police officer's
 53 precinct for any offense committed in the precinct. The law enforcement
 54 unit of the institution shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
 55 with a municipality having authority or control over any highway
 56 adjacent to such premises regarding the authority of such appointed
 57 police officers on such adjacent highway. Such police officers and unit
 58 shall comply with standards and practices adopted by the Police Officer
 59 Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e,
 60 inclusive, regarding police officers and law enforcement units.

61 (2) The commissioner may exercise such supervision and direction
 62 over any police officer appointed as provided in this subsection as the
 63 commissioner deems necessary. When any such commission is issued
 64 or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court
 65 for each judicial district in which it is intended that such police officer
 66 shall act or cease to act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2020	29-19
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to commission police officers at independent institutions of higher education.

[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.]