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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING RETIRED POLICE AND PAROLE OFFICERS PROVIDING SCHOOL SECURITY AND PEACE OFFICERS CARRYING FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-244a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school
4 year thereafter, no municipality or local or regional board of education
5 may employ or enter into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2)
6 of subsection (b) of section 53a-217b, as amended by this act, with any
7 person, other than a sworn member of an organized local police
8 department or a retired [police] officer as provided in subsection (b) of
9 this section, to provide security services in a public school if such
10 person will possess a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, while in the
11 performance of his or her duties.

12 (b) A municipality or a local or regional board of education may
13 employ or enter into an agreement with a retired [police] officer to

14 provide security services in a public school if such retired [police]
15 officer (1) is a qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in
16 18 USC 926C, as amended from time to time, or (2) is a parole officer
17 who (A) served as a parole officer for an aggregate of ten years or
18 more, or separated from such service, after completing any applicable
19 probationary period, due to a service-connected disability, as
20 determined by the Department of Correction, (B) during the most
21 recent twelve-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual,
22 the standards for qualification in firearms training for active parole
23 officers, as determined by the Department of Correction, (C) has not
24 been found by a qualified medical professional to be unqualified, for
25 reasons relating to mental health, to meet the active duty standards for
26 qualification in firearms training, as established by the Department of
27 Correction, to carry a firearm and has not entered an agreement with
28 the department acknowledging that he or she does not meet such
29 qualification, (D) is not under the influence of alcohol or another
30 intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance, and (E) is not
31 prohibited by law from receiving a firearm. Such retired [police] officer
32 shall receive annual training pursuant to section 7-294x and shall
33 successfully complete annual firearms training provided by a certified
34 firearms instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the Police
35 Officer Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C, as amended
36 from time to time. Such retired [police] officer shall not be subject to
37 the licensing requirements of part II of chapter 534.

38 (c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, "retired [police]
39 officer" means (1) a [sworn member of an organized local police
40 department] police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, who was
41 certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and
42 retired or separated in good standing from such [department or a
43 sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
44 Emergency Services and Public Protection who retired or separated in
45 good standing from said division, (2)] officer's law enforcement unit,
46 as defined in section 7-294a, (2) a parole officer who retired or
47 separated in good standing from the Department of Correction, (3) a

48 sworn federal law enforcement agent who retired or separated in good
49 standing from such federal law enforcement service and who meets or
50 exceeds the standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training
51 Council for certification in this state, or ~~[(3)]~~ (4) a sworn officer of an
52 organized police department in another state who was certified under
53 standards that meet or exceed the standards of the Police Officer
54 Standards and Training Council for certification in this state and who
55 retired or separated in good standing from such department.

56 Sec. 2. Section 53a-217b of the general statutes is repealed and the
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

58 (a) A person is guilty of possession of a weapon on school grounds
59 when, knowing that such person is not licensed or privileged to do so,
60 such person possesses a firearm or deadly weapon, as defined in
61 section 53a-3, (1) in or on the real property comprising a public or
62 private elementary or secondary school, or (2) at a school-sponsored
63 activity as defined in subsection (h) of section 10-233a.

64 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
65 the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm (1) by a person for use in a
66 program approved by school officials in or on such school property or
67 at such school-sponsored activity, (2) by a person in accordance with
68 an agreement entered into between school officials and such person or
69 such person's employer, (3) by a peace officer, as defined in
70 subdivision (9) of section 53a-3, [while engaged in the performance of
71 such peace officer's official duties,] or (4) by a person while traversing
72 such school property for the purpose of gaining access to public or
73 private lands open to hunting or for other lawful purposes, provided
74 such firearm is not loaded and the entry on such school property is
75 permitted by the local or regional board of education.

76 (c) Possession of a weapon on school grounds is a class D felony.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-244a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	53a-217b

PS *Joint Favorable*