



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7242

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING 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 Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2019*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
4 may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone
5 or water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or
6 controlling any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission,
7 during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated
8 by such company who, having been sworn, may act at the expense of
9 such company as police officers upon the premises used or occupied
10 by such company in its business, or upon any highway adjacent to
11 such premises, for the proper protection of such plant or property, and
12 each police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some
13 proper authority any person in the police officer's precinct for any
14 offense committed therein. The commissioner may exercise such
15 supervision and direction over any police officer appointed as herein
16 provided as the commissioner deems necessary. When any such
17 commission is issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the
18 clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is
19 intended that such 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,
25 commission, during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons
26 designated by such company or by such corporation, or one person
27 designated by such authority, who, having been sworn, may act, at the
28 expense of such company, corporation or authority, as a police officer
29 or police officers, as the case may be, upon the premises used by such
30 company or authority in its business, or upon its cars, vessels or
31 airplanes, or upon the roads and land owned by or under the control
32 of such corporation or authority, and each police officer so appointed
33 may arrest and take before some proper authority any person in the
34 police officer's precinct for any offense committed therein. When any
35 such commission is issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify
36 the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is
37 intended that such police officer shall act. Each such police officer
38 shall, when on duty, wear in plain view a shield bearing the words
39 "railroad police", "steamboat police", "express company police" or
40 "special police", as the case may be, and the name of the company,
41 corporation or authority for which the police 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
46 pleasure, one or more persons who are certified pursuant to section 7-
47 294d and designated by such institution. Having been sworn, such
48 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
53 officer's precinct for any offense committed in the precinct. The law

54 enforcement unit of the institution shall enter into a memorandum of
55 understanding with a municipality having authority or control over
56 any highway adjacent to such premises regarding the authority of such
57 appointed police officers on such adjacent highway. Such police
58 officers and unit shall comply with standards and practices adopted by
59 the Police Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections
60 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, regarding police officers and law
61 enforcement units.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	29-19

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

HED *Joint Favorable*