



AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOLUNTEER POLICE AUXILIARY FORCE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the volunteer police auxiliary force authorized under section
3 29-22 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The task force
4 shall identify:

5 (1) Duties that volunteer police auxiliary force members may
6 perform to supplement the work of Department of Emergency Services
7 and Public Protection personnel;

8 (2) Strategies to recruit and retain members of the volunteer police
9 auxiliary force;

10 (3) Minimum requirements for training of members of the volunteer
11 police auxiliary force; and

12 (4) Any other issues that may limit the ability of the department to
13 successfully use volunteer police auxiliary force members to
14 supplement department personnel in the most effective and efficient
15 manner.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 18 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;
- 21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;
- 24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 25 (7) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
26 or the commissioner's designee; and
- 27 (8) Two appointed by the Governor.
- 28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
29 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
30 of the General Assembly.
- 31 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
32 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
33 filled by the appointing authority.
- 34 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
35 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
36 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
37 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
38 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 39 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
41 safety and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 42 (g) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a
43 report on its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of
44 Emergency Services and Public Protection and to the joint standing

45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the
47 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
48 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2020,
49 whichever is later.

50 Sec. 2. Section 29-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

52 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
53 is authorized to recruit, train and organize a volunteer police auxiliary
54 force for the purpose of providing emergency services throughout the
55 state for peacetime or wartime emergencies or threatened emergencies
56 and for augmenting the state police force in such manner as the
57 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection may deem
58 appropriate. Such volunteer police auxiliary force shall at all times be
59 under the direction of said commissioner and subject to the rules and
60 regulations of the Division of State Police within the Department of
61 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The total membership of
62 the auxiliary force shall not exceed in number twice the number of
63 sworn state police personnel appointed pursuant to section 29-4. Such
64 auxiliary force may be equipped with uniforms prescribed by the
65 commissioner and delegated special police powers for specific
66 emergency police duties. The commissioner may, within available
67 appropriations, provide subsistence and maintenance to the volunteer
68 police auxiliary force when called to duty. In the event of participation
69 in emergency services, the members of the volunteer police auxiliary
70 force shall have the same immunities and privileges as apply to the
71 organized militia and to the regular members of the Division of State
72 Police. All members of the volunteer police auxiliary force shall be
73 compensated for death, disability or injury incurred while in training
74 for or on auxiliary state police duty under the provisions of this section
75 as follows: (1) Employees of the state, municipalities or political
76 subdivisions of the state who are members of the volunteer police
77 auxiliary force and for whom such compensation is provided by any

78 provision of existing law shall be construed to be acting within the
 79 scope of their employment while in training for or engaged in auxiliary
 80 state police duty and shall be compensated in accordance with the
 81 provisions of chapter 568 and sections 5-142 and 5-144. (2) Any persons
 82 who are engaged in regular employment apart and separate from their
 83 duties as members of the volunteer police auxiliary force and for
 84 whom such compensation is not so provided shall, while in training
 85 for or engaged in duties under the provisions of this section, be
 86 construed to be employees of the state for the purpose of chapter 568
 87 and sections 5-142 and 5-144, and shall be compensated by the state in
 88 accordance with the provisions of said chapter and sections.

89 (b) Not later than February 1, 2020, the Commissioner of Emergency
 90 Services and Public Protection shall review the recommendations of
 91 the task force established pursuant to section 1 of this act to study the
 92 volunteer police auxiliary force and submit to the joint standing
 93 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 94 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the
 95 provisions of section 11-4a, any recommendations for legislation
 96 necessary to recruit, train and effectively use members of the volunteer
 97 policy auxiliary force that the commissioner deems reasonable and
 98 necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	29-22

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(b), "of the general statutes" was removed for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*