



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7053

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:

(PS)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP
UNIFORM STATUTORY DEFINITIONS OF "FIRST RESPONDER" AND
"ESSENTIAL WORKER".**

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 working
2 group to develop uniform statutory definitions of the terms "first
3 responder" and "essential worker".

4 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
6 or the commissioner's designee;

7 (2) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

8 (3) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
9 designee;

10 (4) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
11 secretary's designee; and

12 (5) Such other persons that the chairpersons of the joint standing
13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to public safety and security believe may serve as sources of
15 information and data to accomplish the purposes of the working group.

16 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
17 (5) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
18 Assembly.

19 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
20 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
21 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

22 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and
24 security shall select the chairpersons of the working group from among
25 the members of the working group. Such chairpersons of the working
26 group shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall
27 be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

28 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
30 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

31 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
32 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
34 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions
35 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall
36 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2026,
37 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to develop uniform statutory definitions of "first responder" and "essential worker".

[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.]