



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 231

LCO No. 1493



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITS
AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "law enforcement unit" has the same meaning as provided in
3 section 7-294a of the general statutes.

4 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
5 thereafter, the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
6 shall, within available appropriations, administer a program to provide
7 grants to law enforcement units and municipal and volunteer fire
8 departments to obtain unmanned aerial vehicles.

9 (c) Not later than October 1, 2024, the department shall develop
10 eligibility criteria to be used in selecting among applicants for such
11 grants, develop application forms and deadlines and post in a
12 conspicuous location on the department's Internet web site a description
13 of the grant program that includes, but is not limited to, such criteria,
14 forms and deadlines.

15 (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
16 department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
17 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
18 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
19 safety and security. Such report shall include information for the
20 preceding calendar year on the number of applications for grants that
21 were received, the number of grants that were awarded and a list of the
22 law enforcement units and municipal and volunteer fire departments
23 that received grants.

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 grant program to provide unmanned aerial vehicles to law enforcement units and fire departments.

[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.]