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Bill Seeks To Assess Police Training

Rep. Joe Verrengia Is Calling for an Independent Review and Assessment of Police Training

(Hartford, CT) – At its meeting today the Public Safety and Security Committee voted to send HB 5547, An Act Concerning The Training Curriculum and Education of Police Officers, to the floor of the House. The legislation calls for the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at CCSU, in consultation with Police Officers Standards and Training Council (POST) state and local police, to assess and recommend nationally recognized best practices for police training.

Rep. Verrengia (D-West Hartford/Elmwood) said a comprehensive and independent report on training is a natural extension of the legislation passed and signed into law last year on the excessive use of force.

“Today training is at the heart of the national debate over the use of force”, said Verrengia.

There are many competing training models that are worthy of an additional layer of review and assessment.

“With tensions running high and public trust at an historic low, it is imperative that Connecticut adopts recognized best practices and national standards particularly in area of communication and de-escalation skills.”

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