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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS STATUTES RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 28-1 of the general statutes is amended by adding
4 subdivision (13) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

5 (NEW) (13) "Targeted violence" means a premeditated act of violence
6 that is (A) directed at an individual, group of individuals, event or
7 location, irrespective of the motivation for such act, and (B) typically not
8 undertaken in furtherance of, or in connection with, other criminal
9 activity.

10 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 28-5 of the 2026 supplement to the
11 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

12 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

13 (b) The commissioner shall (1) direct the preparation of a
14 comprehensive state civil preparedness plan and program, [for the civil
15 preparedness of the state] and (2) integrate and coordinate [that] the
16 plan and program, to the fullest extent possible, with the civil
17 preparedness plans of the federal government and [of] other states. Any
18 plan and program prepared on or after July 1, 2027, shall include
19 provisions concerning targeted violence and terrorism prevention.
20 When the plan and program has been prepared, the commissioner shall
21 present it to the Governor for his or her approval. When the Governor
22 approves the plan, all government agencies, state or local, all civil
23 preparedness forces in the state and all public service companies, as
24 defined in section 16-1, shall carry out the duties and functions assigned
25 by the plan and program as approved. The plan and program may, from
26 time to time, be amended or modified in like manner. The commissioner
27 shall coordinate the civil preparedness activities of the towns and cities
28 of the state to the end that they shall be fully integrated with the state
29 civil preparedness plan and program.

30 Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 28-7 of the general statutes is
31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
32 *2026*):

33 (a) (1) Each town or city of the state shall establish a local organization
34 for civil preparedness in accordance with the state civil preparedness
35 plan and program, provided any two or more towns or cities may, with
36 the approval of the commissioner, establish a joint organization for civil
37 preparedness. The authority of such local or joint organization for civil
38 preparedness shall not supersede that of any regularly organized police
39 or fire department. In order to be eligible for any state or federal benefits
40 under this chapter, [not later than January 1, 2017, and biennially
41 thereafter,] each town or city of the state shall [have a current] biennially
42 submit, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, an
43 emergency plan of operations [that has been approved by] to the
44 commissioner and receive the approval of the commissioner. [The] Prior

45 to submitting each such plan to the commissioner, such plan shall be
46 [submitted to the commissioner after it has been] approved by the local
47 emergency management director and the local chief executive. Such
48 plan may be submitted with a notice stating that the plan remains
49 unchanged from the previously submitted version.

50 (2) The emergency plan of operations of every town or city situated
51 on the shoreline of the state shall contain provisions addressing an
52 emergency caused by any existing liquefied natural gas terminal located
53 on the Long Island Sound and every town or city situated on the
54 shoreline of the state shall submit such plan to the joint standing
55 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
56 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions
57 of section 11-4a, and the commissioner to obtain approval. The
58 committee shall hold a public hearing regarding such plan not later than
59 thirty days after receiving the plan. Not later than five days after the
60 hearing, the committee shall [(1)] (A) hold a roll-call vote to approve or
61 reject the plan, and [(2)] (B) forward the plan and a record of the
62 committee's vote to the General Assembly.

63 (3) [Such] The commissioner shall not approve an emergency plan of
64 operations [shall not be approved by the commissioner] submitted
65 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection unless the commissioner
66 determines that the plan proposes strategies that address all the
67 activities and measures of civil preparedness, [identified in subdivision
68 (4) of section 28-1, including, for any plan submitted on or after January
69 1, 2025, a domestic terrorism prevention strategy, as described in a
70 domestic terrorism prevention plan annex, in accordance with any
71 standards provided by the Division of Emergency Management and
72 Homeland Security within the Department of Emergency Services and
73 Public Protection.] Each town or city of the state [shall consider whether
74 to] may include in such plan provisions for (A) the nonmilitary
75 evacuation of livestock, horses, pets and service animals, [and] (B) the
76 temporary sheltering of pets, service animals and animals trained to
77 assist first responders, and (C) targeted violence and terrorism

78 prevention.

79 Sec. 504. Section 29-1mm of the 2026 supplement to the general
 80 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
 81 (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

82 (a) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in
 83 consultation with the Police Officer Standards and Training Council,
 84 shall establish a police training center to train and educate police officers
 85 in crime scene processing, the collection and analysis of forensic
 86 evidence and criminal investigations. The center shall be located at
 87 [Central Connecticut State University] an institution of higher education
 88 in the state. For purposes of this section, "police officer" has the same
 89 meaning as provided in section 7-294a.

90 (b) Not later than January 1, [2026] 2027, the Commissioner of
 91 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall enter into a
 92 memorandum of understanding with [Central Connecticut State
 93 University] an institution of higher education for the purpose of
 94 establishing the police training center. Such memorandum shall include,
 95 but need not be limited to, a requirement that any use of funding for the
 96 center for a purpose other than providing training or education to a
 97 police officer shall require the commissioner's written authorization."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	28-1(13)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	28-5(b)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	28-7(a)
Sec. 504	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	29-1mm