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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11 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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 within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. For purposes of  
 89 this section, "police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section  
 90 7-294a.

91 (b) Not later than January 1, [2026] 2027, the Commissioner of  
 92 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall enter into a  
 93 memorandum of understanding with [Central Connecticut State  
 94 University] such institution of higher education for the purpose of  
 95 establishing the police training center. Such memorandum shall include,  
 96 but need not be limited to, a requirement that any use of funding for the  
 97 center for a purpose other than providing training or education to a  
 98 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