

HB 5349 -- Redline

File No. 164 to Chaptered -- AN ACT CONCERNING A POLICE OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM AND THE ROUNDING OF CERTAIN CASH PURCHASES.

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House of ~~Bill~~ Representatives General Assembly File No.

~~164~~5349 February Public Session, Act 2026 House Bill No.

~~5349~~26-128 House AN of ACT Representatives, CONCERNING March 25, POLICE 2026 OFFICER The TRAINING PROGRAM on General Law reported through AND REP. LEMAR THE OF ROUNDING the OF 96th CERTAIN Dist., CASH Chairperson PURCHASES. of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

~~AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.~~

(NEW) (Effective ~~from~~ October passage) 1, 2026) (a) ~~There~~ Not is later established than a January task 1, force 2028, ~~to~~ the study Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the ~~operations~~ Police Officer Standards and Training Council, shall coordinate with an independent institution of higher education with a campus located in the ~~Department~~ city of ~~Consumer~~ West Protection. Haven to establish a state- wide, one-day training program for police officers in the state in order to increase law enforcement retention and readiness.

(b) ~~Such~~ The training task shall force include, ~~shall~~ but consist need of not the be following limited members: to, expert instruction, scenario-based exercises, de-escalation skills and practical planning, and be available on an online technology platform.

(1) ~~Nothing~~ Two in appointed this by section the shall speaker be construed to require a police officer to attend such training at an independent institution of higher education in the ~~House~~ city of Representatives; West Haven.

(2) ~~For~~ Two purposes appointed of by this section, "police officer" has the ~~president~~ same pro meaning tempore as provided in section 7-294a of the ~~Senate~~ general statutes.

(3) (b) ~~One~~ Not appointed later by than January 1, 2029, and annually thereafter, the ~~majority~~ Commissioner leader of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the provision of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the status of the program to the joint standing House of ~~Bill~~ Representatives; No.

(4) ~~5349~~ One committees appointed of by the ~~majority~~ General leader Assembly having cognizance of the matters Senate; relating to public safety and labor.

(5) ~~Sec.~~ One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(6) ~~2.~~ One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

HB5349 (NEW) ~~1~~ (Effective ~~File~~ January No. 1, 2027) (a) As used in this section:

~~164~~ (1) ~~1~~ "Cash" HB5349 has ~~File~~ the No. same meaning as provided in section 21a-434 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

~~164~~ (2) (7) ~~The~~ "Merchant" Commissioner means of Consumer a Protection, or the commissioner's person designee; engaged in the business of selling goods or services at retail on an in-person basis;

and (8) (3) ~~Two~~ "Person" persons means appointed an by individual, the association, Governor, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

(c) (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, a merchant ~~Any~~ doing member business of in the this task state force shall appointed determine under the subdivision total (1), price (2), for (3), a (4), good (5) or (6) service of such subsection merchant (b) sells, of at this retail, section on may an be in-person a basis member in of the General following Assembly manner:

(d) (1) ~~All~~ The initial total appointments price to of the such task good force or service shall be include made all not service later and than thirty merchant days after fees the effective charged date for of this such section. Any good vacancy or shall service, be and filled all by taxes imposed on the appointing purchase authority of such good or service under title 12 of the general statutes, less any discount or deduction made therefrom;

(e) ~~The~~ and speaker (2) of the House (A) of Representatives and the president If pro the tempore total of price the determined Senate in shall accordance select with the chairperson's provisions of the subdivision task (1) force of from this among subsection the ends members in of one cent, two cents, six cents or seven cents, such total price may be rounded down to the task nearest force amount divisible by five cents for an individual seeking to purchase such good or service by cash;

Such or chairpersons (B) shall If schedule the the first total meeting price of the determined task in force, accordance which shall with behold the not provisions later of than sixty subdivision days (1) after of this subsection ends in three cents, four cents, eight cents or nine cents, such total price may be rounded up to the effective nearest date amount of divisible this by section, five cents for an individual seeking to purchase such good or service by cash.

(f) ~~Public~~ The Act administrative No. staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

~~cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.~~

~~(g) 26-128 Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.~~

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~~This act shall take effect as follows: (1) of subsection (b) of this section is four cents or less;~~

~~Section 1(2) from Payment passage is New made section by GL any Joint demand Favorable or HB5349 negotiable /instrument, File electronic fund transfer, No money order, credit card, debit card, electronic payment or similar instrument.~~

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~~1643. The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose.~~

~~In Subsection general, (b) fiscal of impacts section are 21a-434 based upon the a 2026 variety supplement of to informational the sources, general including statutes is repealed and the analyst's following professional is knowledge substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2027):~~

~~Whenever (b) applicable, Except agency as data provided is in consulted subsection as (c) part or (d) of the this analysis, section, however a final person products selling door not offering necessarily for reflects sale and goods assessment or from services any at specific retail department in this state shall not:~~

~~OFA (1) Fiscal Refuse Note to State accept Impact: cash as a form of payment for such goods or services, (2) post signs stating that cash payment is not accepted, or (3) except as provided in section 2 of this act, charge a customer paying cash a higher price than such customer would pay using any other form of payment.~~

~~None Governor's Municipal Action: Impact:~~

~~None Approved Explanation June The 4, bill 2026 establishes Public a Act task No. force to study the operations of the Department of Consumer Protection resulting in no fiscal impact to the state as the task force has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.~~

~~The 26-128 Out 3 Year of State 3 Impact:~~

~~None Municipal Impact:~~

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~~164 OLR Bill Analysis HB 5349 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.~~

~~SUMMARY The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.~~

~~COMMITTEE ACTION General Law Committee Joint Favorable Yea 19 Nay 1 (03/11/2026) HB5349 / File No.~~

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