



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7242**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS AT INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
4 may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone  
5 or water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or  
6 controlling any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission,  
7 during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons designated  
8 by such company who, having been sworn, may act at the expense of  
9 such company as police officers upon the premises used or occupied  
10 by such company in its business, or upon any highway adjacent to  
11 such premises, for the proper protection of such plant or property, and  
12 each police officer so appointed may arrest and take before some  
13 proper authority any person in the police officer's precinct for any  
14 offense committed therein. The commissioner may exercise such  
15 supervision and direction over any police officer appointed as herein  
16 provided as the commissioner deems necessary. When any such  
17 commission is issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the  
18 clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is  
19 intended that such police officer shall act.

20 (b) The commissioner may, upon the application of any railroad,  
21 express company or steamboat company, engaged in the business of  
22 transportation in this state, or upon the application of any corporation  
23 owning or having control of the roads in any private residence park, or  
24 upon the application of the Connecticut Airport Authority,  
25 commission, during the commissioner's pleasure, one or more persons  
26 designated by such company or by such corporation, or one person  
27 designated by such authority, who, having been sworn, may act, at the  
28 expense of such company, corporation or authority, as a police officer  
29 or police officers, as the case may be, upon the premises used by such  
30 company or authority in its business, or upon its cars, vessels or  
31 airplanes, or upon the roads and land owned by or under the control  
32 of such corporation or authority, and each police officer so appointed  
33 may arrest and take before some proper authority any person in the  
34 police officer's precinct for any offense committed therein. When any  
35 such commission is issued or revoked, the commissioner shall notify  
36 the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which it is  
37 intended that such police officer shall act. Each such police officer  
38 shall, when on duty, wear in plain view a shield bearing the words  
39 "railroad police", "steamboat police", "express company police" or  
40 "special police", as the case may be, and the name of the company,  
41 corporation or authority for which the police officer is commissioned.

42 (c) (1) The commissioner may, upon the application of any  
43 independent institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-  
44 173, owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or controlling any  
45 property in this state, commission, during the commissioner's  
46 pleasure, one or more persons who are certified pursuant to section 7-  
47 294d and designated by such institution. Having been sworn, such  
48 person or persons may act, at the expense of such institution, as a  
49 police officer or police officers, as the case may be, within a law  
50 enforcement unit of the institution upon the premises used by such  
51 institution in its activities. Each police officer so appointed may arrest  
52 and take before some proper authority any person in the police  
53 officer's precinct for any offense committed in the precinct. The law

54 enforcement unit of the institution shall enter into a memorandum of  
55 understanding with a municipality having authority or control over  
56 any highway adjacent to such premises regarding the authority of such  
57 appointed police officers on such adjacent highway. Such police  
58 officers and unit shall comply with standards and practices adopted by  
59 the Police Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections  
60 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, regarding police officers and law  
61 enforcement units.

62 (2) The commissioner may exercise such supervision and direction  
63 over any police officer appointed as provided in this subsection as the  
64 commissioner deems necessary. When any such commission is issued  
65 or revoked, the commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior  
66 court for each judicial district in which it is intended that such police  
67 officer shall act or cease to act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	29-19

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*