



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6

LCO No. 638

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

An Act Creating An Elder Abuse Unit.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 51-279 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Chief State's Attorney, with the advice of the Division of
4 Criminal Justice Advisory Board under section 51-279a, shall
5 administer, direct, supervise, coordinate and control the operations,
6 activities and programs of the division as it shall apply to the Superior
7 Court. He shall: (1) Establish such bureaus, divisions, facilities and
8 offices, including an appellate unit, a racketeering and continuing
9 criminal activities unit, an elder abuse unit and a bond forfeiture unit,
10 and select such professional, technical and other personnel, including
11 chief inspectors, as he deems reasonably necessary for the efficient
12 operation and discharge of the duties of the division, subject to the
13 personnel policies and compensation plan established by the
14 Department of Administrative Services; (2) adopt and enforce rules
15 and regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter; (3) establish
16 guidelines, policies and procedures for the internal operation and
17 administration of the division which shall be binding on all division

18 personnel; (4) enter into contracts with consultants and such other
19 persons as are necessary for the proper functioning of the office; (5)
20 engage in long-range planning and review policy and legislation
21 concerning the administration of criminal justice in the state and
22 recommend needed changes and additions thereto; (6) collect statistical
23 data concerning administration of criminal justice in the state and
24 furnish the data to the appropriate committee of the General
25 Assembly; (7) conduct research and evaluate programs within his
26 office; (8) establish staff development, training and education
27 programs designed to improve the quality of the division's services
28 and programs; (9) coordinate the activities of the division with those of
29 such other state, municipal, regional, federal and private agencies as
30 are concerned with the administration of criminal justice; (10) be
31 authorized to receive and administer funds from the federal
32 government or any charitable foundation to assist in the operations of
33 the division; (11) supervise, approve and issue all orders concerning all
34 purchases of commodities, equipment and services for the Division of
35 Criminal Justice; (12) supervise the administrative methods and
36 systems employed in the Division of Criminal Justice; (13) submit to
37 the Department of Administrative Services for its approval a
38 compensation plan for all employees of the division, which plan may
39 include sick leave, vacation leave, absences without pay, longevity
40 payments, increments and all other matters regarding personnel
41 policies and procedures; (14) establish with the approval of the
42 Department of Administrative Services such job classifications as he
43 deems necessary for the operation of the division; (15) audit bills to be
44 paid from state appropriations for the expenses of the Division of
45 Criminal Justice; (16) maintain adequate accounting and budgetary
46 records for all appropriations by the state for the maintenance of the
47 Division of Criminal Justice and all other appropriations assigned by
48 the legislature or state budgetary control offices for administration by
49 the Division of Criminal Justice; (17) serve as payroll officer for the
50 Division of Criminal Justice; and (18) have such other powers and
51 duties as are reasonably necessary to administer the division and

52 implement the purposes of this chapter. He shall prepare and submit
53 to the Office of Policy and Management estimates of appropriations
54 necessary for the maintenance of the division and make
55 recommendations with respect thereto for inclusion as a separate item
56 in the budget request of the Division of Criminal Justice.

57 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a unit within the Office of the Chief State's Attorney to investigate and prevent the fraud and abuse against the elderly.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]