



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5694

House of Representatives, April 10, 2002

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) There shall be a state-
2 wide public awareness campaign to educate, inform and identify
3 resources for the general public about crime victims' rights and
4 services. The public awareness campaign shall be planned, designed
5 and implemented by the Office of Victim Services in conjunction with
6 representatives of Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.,
7 Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against
8 Drunk Driving and Survivors of Homicide.

9 (b) The Office of Victim Services shall contract with Connecticut
10 Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., Connecticut Coalition Against
11 Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Survivors of
12 Homicide for outreach purposes. Such outreach shall promote
13 community safety by providing education and information about

14 crime victims' rights and services to members of the general public.

15 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2002) The sum of three hundred thousand
16 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Victim Services, from the
17 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, one hundred
18 fifty thousand dollars of which shall be used by said office to carry out
19 the purposes of section 1 of this act, and one hundred fifty thousand
20 dollars of which shall be used by said office to make grants of sixty
21 thousand dollars each to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and
22 Survivors of Homicide and grants of fifteen thousand dollars each to
23 Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., and Connecticut
24 Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Such appropriation shall be used
25 to supplement and not supplant existing funding.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2002
Sec. 2	July 1, 2002

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The word "the" was deleted from in front of "Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc." in section 1 (a), and from in front of "Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence" in sections 1 (b) and 2 for consistency; in section 1 (b) the phrase "services and rights" was changed to "rights and services" for consistency; and "such" was changed to "said" in section 2 for accuracy.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Judicial Dept.	-	300,000	-

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill appropriates \$300,000 to the Judicial Department’s Office of Victim Services (OVS), and requires the agency to use the funds as follows: (1) \$150,000 to plan and implement a statewide public awareness campaign regarding crime victims’ rights, and (2) \$150,000 in grants to nonprofit victim advocacy organizations that are members of the “Through Any Door” coalition to supplement existing funding. (See the table below.)

Organization	Grant Amount
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$15,000
Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.	\$15,000
Survivors of Homicide	\$60,000
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)	\$60,000
Total	\$150,000

Substitute House Bill 5019 (the Revised FY 03 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee) does not include the appropriation specified in the bill.

Background

Section 70(b) of PA 01-9, JSS, "AAC The Expenditures of the Office of Policy and Management," transferred \$150,000 from the Department of Labor's CEIP Phase-Out surplus funds to the Judicial Department's Other Expenses account (FY 02) for the "Through Any Door" program. One half of these funds were provided as grants to the "Through Any Door" coalition. The remaining \$75,000 was to be used by the OVS for a statewide public awareness campaign for crime victims. However, the FY 02 appropriation to the OVS was eliminated through recissions.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Office of Victim Services (OVS), in conjunction with specified nonprofit victim advocacy organizations, to plan, design, and implement a statewide public awareness campaign to educate and inform the public about crime victims' rights and services. The organizations are Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and Survivors of Homicide.

The bill requires OVS to contract with these nonprofit victim advocacy organizations to promote community safety by educating and informing the public about crime victims' services and rights.

It appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to OVS for FY 2002-03. OVS must use one-half of the appropriation (\$150,000) to prepare and implement the statewide campaign and the other half for grants to the following victim advocacy organizations, presumably to carry out their duties under the bill. The organizations may not use the new grants to supplant existing funding.

<i>Organizations</i>	<i>Grants</i>
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$15,000
Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.	\$15,000
Survivors of Homicide	\$60,000
MADD	\$60,000

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 40 Nay 0