



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5694

February Session, 2002

**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*