



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 334

LCO No. 1416

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) All law enforcement
2 officers in this state responding to incidents of domestic violence shall
3 provide information to persons involved in such incidents on local
4 domestic abuse counseling services and programs and domestic abuse
5 hotlines.

6 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The Superior Court shall
7 contact any person who applies for a restraining order in a domestic
8 violence situation who fails to appear for a hearing pursuant to section
9 46b-15 of the general statutes, as amended, to confirm that such person
10 does not want the order in place.

11 (b) If the violator of a restraining order in a domestic violence
12 situation is not sentenced to a term of imprisonment, the court shall
13 state for the record the reasons for such decision.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that persons involved in domestic violence situations have information on local counseling programs. To require the court to contact a person who applies for a restraining order in a domestic violence case and does not appear for the hearing to verify that the person does not want the restraining order in place. To require judges to state for the record the reasons why they have not sentenced a violator of a restraining order in a domestic violence situation to jail.

[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.]