



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 855

LCO No. 2661

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR JUDGES AND JUDICIAL
BRANCH PERSONNEL WITH RESPECT TO CASES INVOLVING A
SEXUAL OFFENSE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Sexual offense" means a violation of section 53-21, 53a-70, 53a-
4 70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a of the general statutes;
5 and

6 (2) "Victim" means the victim of a sexual offense.

7 (b) The Chief Court Administrator shall develop and implement a
8 training course and curriculum for all judges and appropriate judicial
9 branch personnel concerning the processing and disposition of cases
10 involving a sexual offense. Such training course and curriculum shall,
11 at a minimum:

12 (1) Increase awareness with respect to (A) the nature of sexual
13 offenses and the persons who commit such offenses, and (B) the

14 impact of sexual offenses on the victims;

15 (2) Provide information concerning (A) the investigation of cases
16 involving sexual offenses, including the collection of evidence in such
17 cases; (B) the sentencing of persons convicted of a sexual offense, (C)
18 treatment options available for sexual offenders, (D) organizations that
19 offer services to victims, and (E) the rights of victims and the exercise
20 of such rights throughout the criminal justice process; and

21 (3) Establish guidelines for dealing with victims and with parents
22 and guardians of child victims in a sensitive manner.

23 (c) The training course and curriculum developed pursuant to this
24 section shall be reviewed by the Chief Court Administrator at least
25 once every two years and shall be modified as the Chief Court
26 Administrator deems necessary.

27 (d) The Chief Court Administrator shall ensure that all judges and
28 appropriate judicial branch personnel receive initial training pursuant
29 to this section not later than January 1, 2004, or ninety days after the
30 date of the initial appointment or hiring of such judges and personnel,
31 whichever is later. After such initial training, such judges and
32 personnel shall receive annual training pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the development and implementation of a training course and curriculum for all judges and appropriate judicial branch personnel concerning the processing and disposition of cases involving a sexual offense.

[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.]