



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 150**

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Senate Bill No. 441

*Senate, March 28, 2006*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 51-291 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2006*):

4 (2) Submit to the commission, [between August fifteenth and  
5 September fifteenth] prior to December thirty-first of each year, a  
6 report which shall include all pertinent data on the operation of the  
7 Division of Public Defender Services, the costs, projected needs, and  
8 recommendations for statutory changes, including changes in the civil  
9 and criminal law, and changes in court rules, which may be  
10 appropriate to the improvement of the system of criminal justice, the  
11 rehabilitation of offenders and other related objectives. Prior to  
12 [October fifteenth of each] February first of the following year, the  
13 commission shall submit the report along with such recommendations,  
14 comments, conclusions [,] or other pertinent information it chooses to

15 make, to the Chief Justice, the Governor and the members of the  
16 committee on judiciary of the General Assembly. The reports shall be  
17 public records, shall be maintained in the office of the Chief Public  
18 Defender [,] and shall be otherwise distributed as the commission shall  
19 direct.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	51-291(2)
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill revises the deadlines for submittal of the agency's annual report. The number of printed reports would not change as a result and therefore there is no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 441*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill changes the annual date by which the (1) chief public defender must submit a report to the Public Defender Services Commission from between August 15 and September 15 to before December 31 and (2) commission must submit a report to the chief justice, governor, and Judiciary Committee from before October 15 to before February 1 of the year following submittal of the chief public defender's report.

By law, the chief public defender's report includes data on the Division of Public Defender Services' operation, costs, and projected needs, and recommended changes to statutes and court rules. The commission's report includes the chief public defender's report and other recommendations, comments, and information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 38    Nay 0    (03/13/2006)