



State of Connecticut
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

TESTIMONY OF CHIEF STATE'S ATTORNEY CHRISTOPHER L. MORANO

IN SUPPORT OF:

S.B. No. 439 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
MARCH 13, 2006

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully requests the Committee's Joint Favorable Report for S.B. No. 439, An Act Concerning Sexual Assault. This legislation was presented to the General Assembly in the Division's 2006 Legislative Recommendations.

This bill makes a change to the definition of "intimate parts" incorporated in Section 53a-65, which deals with criminal sex offenses. The bill would extend the definition of intimate parts to include any substance emitted from the genital area, groin or anus.

The enactment of this bill would subject an individual to sexual assault charges if such substance made contact with another person. Actual physical contact between the body parts of the individual would not be necessary.

The need for this legislation became apparent in a recent criminal matter involving students at the University of Connecticut. There appears to be no doubt that the law as now written did not apply to the facts of that incident. We believe the conduct alleged constitutes sexual assault and should be classified as such.

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