



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 535

Senate, April 20, 2009

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

AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR CERTAIN STATE JUDGES REGARDING THE CRIMINAL USE OF COMPUTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) Not later than January 1,
2 2010, and annually thereafter, each judge of the Superior Court
3 assigned primarily to hear criminal or juvenile matters shall attend a
4 course on computer crime developed by the Judicial Branch in
5 accordance with this section. The Judicial Branch shall develop such
6 course on computer crime, which shall include information about the
7 use of computers with respect to child pornography and other crimes.
8 The Judicial Branch shall develop and offer such course with assistance
9 from the Connecticut Judges' Institute and shall update the course
10 annually to reflect new crimes and technological advances.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Judicial Department to develop and offer to judges a course on computer crime which is updated annually. To the extent that outside expertise is required to develop, update and implement this course, the Judicial Department would incur a minimal cost.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 535*****AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR CERTAIN STATE JUDGES REGARDING THE CRIMINAL USE OF COMPUTERS.*****SUMMARY:**

By January 1, 2010, this bill requires Superior Court judges who primarily hear criminal or juvenile matters to take an annual course on computer crime. The Judicial Branch must develop and offer the course with the assistance of the Connecticut Judges' Institute. The course must include information on the use of computers with respect to child pornography and other crimes and must be updated yearly to reflect new crimes and technological advances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 1 (03/31/2009)