



State of Connecticut
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Testimony of the Division of Criminal Justice
Joint Committee – February , 2009

In opposition to:

- **S.B. No. 673 An Act Concerning Access to the Criminal Justice Information System**

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully recommends that the Committee reject this proposed amendment to section 54-142(q) of the General Statutes. The legislature recently totally revamped the Connecticut Criminal Justice Information System and the changes occasioned by the legislation are still in their infancy. The Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board has broad latitude to establish policies on access to information and information security. These are issues that should be left in the first instance to the deliberations and decisions of the Governing Board. It is also significant to point out that no other entity that is not a state or local agency in the state of Connecticut is specifically referenced anywhere in the legislation creating or controlling the Criminal Justice Information System. The Governing Board of the Criminal Justice Information System has adequate statutory authority to allow appropriate access to the system. We can conceive of no compelling reason to single out the Office of the Federal Public Defender for special statutory treatment.

In conclusion, the Division of Criminal Justice would respectfully recommend that the Committee reject S.B. No. 673, An Act Concerning Access to the Criminal Justice Information System. The Division would like to thank the Committee for this opportunity to present our input and recommendations and we would be happy to provide any additional information or answer any questions the Committee might have.