



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6259**

LCO No. 2153

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

REP. URBAN, 43<sup>rd</sup> Dist.

REP. HORNISH, 62<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

REP. FONTANA, 87<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY COUNSELING FOR JUVENILES  
CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

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

- 1 That sections 46b-140 and 54-76j of the general statutes be amended
- 2 to provide that if a child is convicted as delinquent or a youth is
- 3 adjudicated as a youthful offender for a violation of section 53-247 of
- 4 the general statutes the court shall order that the child undergo
- 5 psychiatric or psychological counseling or participate in an animal
- 6 cruelty prevention and education program.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require courts to order juveniles who have been convicted as delinquent or adjudicated as a youthful offender for animal cruelty to undergo counseling or participate in an animal cruelty prevention and education program.