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*Raised Bill No. 5523
An Act Concerning Reentry*

**Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
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The Office of Chief Public Defender supports passage of Section 1 of *Raised Bill No. 5523, An Act Concerning Reentry*. This proposal would require a review of the federal tax credit provided to businesses which hire persons recently convicted of a crime or released from incarceration to determine whether a state tax credit should also be made available. Providing such an incentive to a business to hire a convicted person will assist the person as he/she reenters their community. With a job, the person will have a better opportunity to obtain a place to live and an education. In addition, employment will greatly assist the person who is trying to support their family.