



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 958

Senate, March 29, 2011

The Committee on Banks reported through SEN. DUFF of the 25th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD IDENTITY THEFT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 53a-129a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) A person commits identity theft when such person knowingly
5 uses personal identifying information of another person to obtain or
6 attempt to obtain [, in the name of such other person,] money, credit,
7 goods, services, property or medical information without the consent
8 of such other person.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	53a-129a(a)
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BA Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which makes changes to the identity theft laws, will not result in a fiscal impact. Since 2003, three people have been convicted and \$1,300 in revenue has been collected under the identity theft statute.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

Sources: Judicial Department Offenses and Revenue Database

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 958*****AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD IDENTITY THEFT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the type of conduct that constitutes an identity theft crime.

Under current law, this crime involves knowingly using another person's personal identifying information to obtain or attempt to obtain, in the person's name and without his or her consent, money, credit, goods, services, property, or medical information. The bill deletes the requirement that the perpetrator must use or attempt to use the person's name for the action to constitute a crime.

By law, identity theft is a class B, C, or D felony depending on the value of the property involved and whether the victim is under age 60. A class B felony is punishable by up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$15,000, or both. A class C felony is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both. A class D felony is punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND***Personal Identifying Information***

For this purpose, "personal identifying information" includes any name, number, or other information that may be used, alone or with any other information, to identify a specific person. This information includes:

1. a person's name;

2. birth date;
3. mother's maiden name;
4. motor vehicle operator, Social Security, employee identification, employer or taxpayer identification, alien registration, government passport, health insurance identification, demand deposit account, savings account, credit or debit card number; or
5. unique biometric data such as a fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Banks Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)