



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 456**

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE CONNECTICUT CODE OF EVIDENCE BY THE SUPREME COURT.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Supreme Court is  
2 authorized to adopt the Connecticut Code of Evidence. If the Supreme  
3 Court proceeds with the adoption of the Connecticut Code of  
4 Evidence, the Chief Justice shall appoint a standing advisory  
5 committee that shall study the provisions of said code and the orderly  
6 development of evidence law, and make recommendations to the  
7 Supreme Court concerning any proposed amendments to said code by  
8 the Supreme Court. The committee shall be comprised of judges of the  
9 Superior Court and attorneys who are members of the bar of this state  
10 and representative of diverse areas of the practice of law. The Chief  
11 Justice shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as the  
12 chairperson of the committee. In carrying out the duties prescribed in  
13 this subsection, the committee, in its discretion, may conduct public  
14 hearings.

15 (b) On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the  
16 chairperson of the advisory committee established pursuant to  
17 subsection (a) of this section, shall report on the activities of the  
18 advisory committee to the joint standing committee of the General  
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary. Upon

20 the adoption of said code by the Supreme Court, such report shall  
21 include any proposed amendments to said code which are being  
22 considered by the advisory committee.

23 (c) Nothing in this section shall limit with respect to the law of  
24 evidence the authority of the Supreme Court under common law or  
25 the legislative authority of the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*