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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS IN THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Chief Court
4 Administrator shall establish a pilot program to serve the geographical
5 area courts for New Haven, New London and Norwich in the judicial
6 districts of New Haven and New London in identifying and tracking
7 the homeless, addicted or mentally ill persons entering the criminal
8 justice system.

9 (b) The office of the state's attorney for each such judicial district
10 shall screen in order to identify and track persons arrested who are
11 homeless, drug addicted or mentally ill for intensive assistance, and
12 shall refer such persons to diversion programs, counseling, treatment,
13 housing assistance and reentry programs in an effort to stabilize such

14 person and prevent future arrests of such person, provided the office
 15 retains the discretion to dispose of any case in any manner, with a
 16 focus on alternatives to incarceration and that the court shall maintain
 17 jurisdiction over the cases to ensure compliance with any ordered
 18 treatment or counseling.

19 (c) The Chief Court Administrator shall establish policies and
 20 procedures to implement the pilot program required by this section
 21 and, on or before February 1, 2017, shall submit a report to the joint
 22 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 23 matters relating to judiciary, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
 24 general statutes, concerning the implementation of the pilot program."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2015	New section