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"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STATUTES."

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 Bridgeport in the
6 judicial districts of New Haven, New London and Bridgeport, in
7 identifying and tracking outcomes for individuals who are homeless,
8 have substance use disorders or have psychiatric disabilities and who
9 are repetitively entering the criminal justice system.

10 (b) The office of the state's attorney for each such judicial district
11 shall coordinate these efforts with those of the Department of Mental
12 Health and Addiction Services in performance of the assessment under
13 section 17a-486 of the general statutes, defense counsel and the Judicial

14 Court Support Services Division to screen individuals who are
 15 homeless, have substance use disorders or have psychiatric disabilities
 16 for intensive assistance. The office of the state's attorney shall place
 17 special emphasis on recurrent arrestees, and may refer persons
 18 participating in the program to diversionary programs, counseling,
 19 treatment, housing assistance and reentry programs in an effort to
 20 stabilize such persons and prevent future arrests of such persons,
 21 provided the office retains the discretion to dispose of any case in
 22 accordance with the office's authority, with a focus on alternatives to
 23 incarceration and provided further that the court shall maintain
 24 jurisdiction over any such case to ensure compliance with any ordered
 25 treatment or counseling.

26 (c) The Chief Court Administrator shall establish policies and
 27 procedures to implement the pilot program required by this section
 28 and, on or before February 1, 2017, shall submit a report to the joint
 29 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 30 matters relating to the judiciary, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
 31 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