



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5631

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO
VICTIM NOTIFICATION.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) Whenever a defendant
2 convicted of one or more crimes receives a definite sentence of
3 imprisonment of more than two years, or a total effective sentence of
4 imprisonment of more than two years, the court shall, at sentencing,
5 indicate: (1) The maximum term of imprisonment that may apply to
6 the defendant; (2) whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk
7 reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e of the general statutes; and
8 (3) whether the defendant may be eligible to apply for release on
9 parole pursuant to section 54-125a of the general statutes.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 54-91c of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
12 *October 1, 2016*):

13 (d) Upon the request of a victim, prior to the acceptance by the court
14 of a plea of a defendant pursuant to a proposed plea agreement, the
15 state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's
16 attorney in charge of the case shall provide such victim with the terms
17 of such proposed plea agreement in writing. If the terms of the
18 proposed plea agreement provide for a definite sentence of

19 imprisonment of more than two years or a total effective sentence of
 20 imprisonment of more than two years, the state's attorney, assistant
 21 state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case
 22 shall indicate: (1) The maximum term of imprisonment that may apply
 23 to the defendant; (2) whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk
 24 reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e; and (3) whether the
 25 defendant may be eligible to apply for release on parole pursuant to
 26 section 54-125a.

27 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The Department of
 28 Correction shall make publically available general offender sentencing
 29 information. Such information shall include: (1) The inmate release
 30 mechanisms under the authority of the department; (2) information on
 31 presentence confinement credit and the application of such credit
 32 earned pursuant to section 18-98d of the general statutes; (3)
 33 information on the eligibility for and application of risk reduction
 34 credits earned pursuant to section 18-98e of the general statutes; (4) the
 35 standards for eligibility for parole; (5) the state-wide automated victim
 36 information and notification system established under section 54-235
 37 of the general statutes; and (6) any other information the
 38 Commissioner of Correction deems pertinent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	54-91c(d)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sections 1 and 2, "sentence of more than a two-year term of imprisonment" was changed to "sentence of imprisonment of more than two years" for conformity with the general statutes and in Section 3, "of such credit earned" was added after "application" for clarity.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*