
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5495

AN ACT REMOVING THE SUNSET DATE FOR THE FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill makes the state's foreclosure mediation program permanent. Under current law, the program sunsets on June 30, 2019.

The foreclosure mediation program is available to (1) owner-occupants of one- to four-family residential real property who use it as their primary residence and (2) religious organizations. The property must be located in Connecticut, and the owner-occupant must be either the borrower under a mortgage on the property or a permitted successor-in-interest (i.e., someone who, among other things, has title to the property due to certain events such as divorce or the borrower's death).

The mediation program brings together Judicial Branch mediators; lenders; and borrowers or owner-occupants, as applicable. If an eligible borrower or owner-occupant files an appearance and requests mediation, the lender must participate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Banking Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 9 (03/20/2018)