



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 237

Senate, April 16, 2018

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist. and SEN. KISSEL of the 7th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT CRIMES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the statutes of limitations for the prosecution of crimes of
3 sexual assault provided in sections 54-193 to 54-193b, inclusive, of the
4 general statutes. The task force shall evaluate said sections of the
5 general statutes and consider whether any specified time period for
6 prosecuting a person for committing a crime of sexual assault should
7 be amended.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members or their
9 designees: (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
11 matters relating to the judiciary; (2) the Chief State's Attorney; (3) the
12 Chief Public Defender; (4) the Victim Advocate; (5) an active or retired
13 judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; (6) the

14 director of the Division of Scientific Services within the Department of
15 Emergency Services and Public Protection; (7) a representative of the
16 criminal defense bar appointed by the president of the Connecticut
17 Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; (8) a representative from the
18 Connecticut Innocence Project; and (9) seven public members,
19 including the dean of a law school located in this state, appointed one
20 each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the Senate Republican
21 president pro tempore, the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives, the deputy Senate Republican president pro tempore,
24 and the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

25 (c) Only a member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1)
26 of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
27 Assembly.

28 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
29 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
30 filled by the appointing authority.

31 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary shall
33 select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of
34 the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the
35 task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
36 effective date of this section.

37 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to judiciary
39 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

40 (g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section
44 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
45 that it submits such report or January 1, 2019, whichever is later.

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

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill establishes a task force to study the statutes of limitations for the prosecution of crimes of sexual assault provided in CGS sections 54-193 to 54-193b inclusively. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the judiciary committee by January 1, 2019.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 5 (04/03/2018)