



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1008

Senate, April 25, 2019

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE DISPARITIES IN PRETRIAL AND SENTENCING OUTCOMES OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Sentencing
2 Commission shall study potential disparities in pretrial and sentencing
3 outcomes related to the racial, ethnic, gender and socioeconomic status
4 of a criminal defendant. In furtherance of such study, said commission
5 shall have access to: (1) All databases maintained in the state's criminal
6 justice information system; (2) the Connecticut Information Sharing
7 System; and (3) any state or local criminal or judicial databases that
8 have not yet been integrated into the Connecticut Information Sharing
9 System.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, said commission shall submit an
11 interim report on the study, in accordance with the provisions of
12 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
13 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
14 judiciary. Not later than January 1, 2021, said commission shall submit

15 its final report on the study and any recommendations from the
16 commission, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
17 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
18 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and to
19 the Governor.

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 requires the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to study potential disparities in pretrial and sentencing outcomes and results in no fiscal impact because the Commission has the expertise to conduct the study.

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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 35 Nay 1 (04/12/2019)