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LCO No. 5412



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to study the disparities in pretrial and sentencing outcomes of criminal defendants that may be related to racial, ethnic, gender and socioeconomic status.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]