



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6921 File No. 476 Cal. No. 301

"AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A PERSON'S CRIMINAL HISTORY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) There is established a
4 Council on the Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record, which
5 shall be part of the Legislative Department. The Council on the
6 Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record shall study
7 discrimination faced by people in Connecticut living with a criminal
8 record and develop recommendations for legislation to reduce or
9 eliminate discrimination based on a person's criminal history.

10 (b) The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The
11 House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
13 employees; (2) the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee
14 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
15 and public employees; (3) the undersecretary of the Office of Policy
16 and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, or the

17 undersecretary's designee; (4) the Commissioner of Correction, or the
18 commissioner's designee; (5) The Labor Commissioner, or the
19 commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Consumer
20 Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the executive director of
21 the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, or
22 the executive director's designee; (8) the executive director of the
23 Commission on Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's
24 designee; (9) a justice-impacted person, to be appointed by the House
25 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
26 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees;
27 (10) a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union of
28 Connecticut, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
29 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
30 matters relating to labor and public employees; (11) a representative
31 from the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now, to be appointed
32 by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
34 public employees; (12) a representative from the Connecticut Coalition
35 to End Homelessness, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the
36 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
37 of matters relating to labor and public employees; (13) a representative
38 from the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, to be appointed
39 by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
41 public employees; (14) a representative from the Katal Center for
42 Health, Equity, and Justice, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
43 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
44 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (15) a
45 representative from the National Council for Incarcerated and
46 Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, to be appointed by the
47 House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
48 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
49 employees; (16) a representative from the New Haven Legal Assistance
50 Association Reentry Clinic, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
51 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

52 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (17) a
 53 representative from the Service Employees' International Union, Local
 54 32BJ, to be appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
 55 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 56 relating to labor and public employees; and (18) a representative from
 57 Voices of Women of Color, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
 58 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 59 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees.

60 (c) The House and Senate chairpersons of the joint standing
 61 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 62 relating to labor and public employees shall serve as the chairpersons
 63 of the council.

64 (d) The chairpersons of the council shall schedule the first meeting
 65 of the council, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
 66 effective date of this section. Thereafter, the council shall meet upon
 67 the call of the chairpersons or upon the call of a majority of the council
 68 members. The council shall hold not less than three public forums in
 69 Connecticut communities to allow the public to provide input on the
 70 focus of the council.

71 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 72 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
 73 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

74 (f) Not later than February 1, 2020, the council shall submit a report,
 75 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
 76 statutes, on its legislative recommendations to the joint standing
 77 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 78 relating to labor and public employees."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section