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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."

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

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

(b) The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (2) the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (3) the undersecretary of the Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, or the
undersecretary's designee; (4) the Commissioner of Correction, or the
commissioner's designee; (5) The Labor Commissioner, or the
commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Consumer
Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the executive director of
the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, or
the executive director's designee; (8) the executive director of the
Commission on Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's
designee; (9) a justice-impacted person, to be appointed by the House
chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees;
(10) a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union of
Connecticut, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
matters relating to labor and public employees; (11) a representative
from the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now, to be appointed
by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
public employees; (12) a representative from the Connecticut Coalition
to End Homelessness, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the
joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
of matters relating to labor and public employees; (13) a representative
from the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, to be appointed
by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
public employees; (14) a representative from the Katal Center for
Health, Equity, and Justice, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (15) a
representative from the National Council for Incarcerated and
Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, to be appointed by the
House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
employees; (16) a representative from the New Haven Legal Assistance
Association Reentry Clinic, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (17) a representative from the Service Employees’ International Union, Local 32BJ, to be appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; and (18) a representative from Voices of Women of Color, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees.

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

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

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

(f) Not later than February 1, 2020, the council shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on its legislative recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters 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 |