



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

(As Amended)

"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 or the chairperson's designee, who shall be a member of the

14 General Assembly; (2) the Senate chairperson of the joint standing
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
16 relating to labor and public employees or the chairperson's designee,
17 who shall be a member of the General Assembly; (3) the House and
18 Senate ranking members or their designees, who shall be members of
19 the General Assembly; (4) the undersecretary of the Office of Policy
20 and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, or the
21 undersecretary's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Correction, or the
22 commissioner's designee; (6) The Labor Commissioner, or the
23 commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Consumer
24 Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the executive director of
25 the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, or
26 the executive director's designee; (9) the executive director of the
27 Commission on Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's
28 designee; (10) a justice-impacted person, to be appointed by the House
29 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
30 having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees;
31 (11) a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union of
32 Connecticut, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
33 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
34 matters relating to labor and public employees; (12) a representative
35 from the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now, to be appointed
36 by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
38 public employees; (13) a representative from the Connecticut Coalition
39 to End Homelessness, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson of the
40 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
41 of matters relating to labor and public employees; (14) a representative
42 from the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, to be appointed
43 by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
45 public employees; (15) a representative from the Katal Center for
46 Health, Equity, and Justice, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
47 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
48 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (16) a

49 representative from the National Council for Incarcerated and
50 Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, to be appointed by the
51 House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
52 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
53 employees; (17) a representative from the New Haven Legal Assistance
54 Association Reentry Clinic, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
55 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
56 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees; (18) a
57 representative from the Service Employees' International Union, Local
58 32BJ, to be appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing
59 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
60 relating to labor and public employees; and (19) a representative from
61 Voices of Women of Color, to be appointed by the Senate chairperson
62 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
63 cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees.

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

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

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

78 (f) Not later than February 1, 2020, the council shall submit a report,
79 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
80 statutes, on its legislative recommendations to the joint standing

81 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
82 relating to labor and public employees."

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