Bill No.: SB-1111  
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CRIMINAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.  
Vote Date: 4/9/2019  
Vote Action: Joint Favorable  
PH Date: 4/3/2019  
File No.: 807

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SPONSORS OF BILL:  
Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:  
This bill would establish a study of Connecticut’s criminal laws, specifically 53 and 53a of the general statutes.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:  
Chief Public Defender-State of CT, Christine Perra Rapillo  
The Chief Public Defender is in support of SB 1111, but wishes to be added to the membership of those who will be studying criminal laws. She testifies that the agency can assist in perspective and experience.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:  
American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut, David McGuire  
David McGuire supports SB 1111 and recommended the following changes to this legislation: 1) Committee should create a clear mandate of what the study entails; 2) Study should include, in part, how the state’s criminal laws affect certain groups such as juveniles, immigrants, and people of color; 3) Group should include members who have been fighting for justice reforms; 4) Group should include members who have been directly affected by Connecticut’s criminal laws; and 5) Report of any findings should be made public.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:  
None provided.