



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2019

LCO No. 9289



Offered by:
REP. PORTER, 94th Dist.

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

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

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

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

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

75 (f) Not later than February 1, 2020, the council shall submit a report,
76 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
77 statutes, on its legislative recommendations to the joint standing
78 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
79 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