



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5509**

LCO No. 2958



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES IN MUNICIPALITIES WHERE A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS LOCATED AND THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA RELATING TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-81h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) [The Department of Correction shall establish a public safety  
4 committee in each] Each municipality in which a correctional facility is  
5 located may establish a public safety committee. Each committee  
6 established under this subsection shall be composed of the warden [or  
7 superintendent] of the correctional facility that is located in the  
8 municipality, or the warden's designee, and representatives appointed  
9 by the chief elected official of the municipality. Each committee shall  
10 meet not less than [quarterly] annually and at such other times as the  
11 committee deems necessary to review correctional safety and security  
12 issues and reentry efforts for offenders which affect the host  
13 municipality. If a public safety committee is established in accordance  
14 with the provisions of this subsection, the warden of the correctional

15 facility located in the municipality shall attend at least one meeting of  
16 such committee on an annual basis.

17 (b) On or before November 1, 1995, and annually thereafter, each  
18 public safety committee established under subsection (a) of this section  
19 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,  
20 to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
21 [committee] committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
22 matters relating to public safety and the judiciary which outlines issues  
23 of concern in each municipality in which a correctional facility is located  
24 and makes recommendations to mitigate such concerns.

25 Sec. 2. Section 4-190 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

27 As used in this chapter:

28 (1) "Agency" means each state or municipal board, commission,  
29 department or officer, other than the legislature, courts, Governor,  
30 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General or town or regional boards of  
31 education, which maintains a personal data system.

32 (2) "Attorney" means an attorney at law empowered by a person to  
33 assert the confidentiality of or right of access to personal data under this  
34 chapter.

35 (3) "Authorized representative" means a parent, or a guardian or  
36 conservator, other than an attorney, appointed to act on behalf of a  
37 person and empowered by such person to assert the confidentiality of  
38 or right of access to personal data under this chapter.

39 (4) "Automated personal data system" means a personal data system  
40 in which data is stored, in whole or part, in a computer or in computer  
41 accessible files.

42 (5) "Computer accessible files" means any personal data which is  
43 stored on-line or off-line, which can be identified by use of electronic  
44 means, including but not limited to microfilm and microfilm devices,

45 which includes but is not limited to magnetic tape, magnetic film,  
46 magnetic disks, magnetic drums, internal memory utilized by any  
47 processing device, including computers or telecommunications control  
48 units, punched cards, optically scannable paper or film.

49 (6) "Maintain" means collect, maintain, use or disseminate.

50 (7) "Manual personal data system" means a personal data system  
51 other than an automated personal data system.

52 (8) "Person" means an individual of any age concerning whom  
53 personal data is maintained in a personal data system, or a person's  
54 attorney or authorized representative.

55 (9) "Personal data" means any information about a person's  
56 education, finances, medical or emotional condition or history,  
57 employment or business history, family or personal relationships,  
58 reputation or character which because of name, identifying number,  
59 mark or description can be readily associated with a particular person.  
60 "Personal data" shall not be construed to make available to a person any  
61 record described in subdivision (3) or (18) of subsection (b) of section 1-  
62 210.

63 (10) "Personal data system" means a collection of records containing  
64 personal data.

65 (11) "Record" means any collection of personal data, defined in  
66 subdivision (9), which is collected, maintained or disseminated.

67 Sec. 3. Section 18-81bb of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
68 *October 1, 2020*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	18-81h
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	4-190
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	Repealer section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To (1) revise the duties and composition of public safety committees in municipalities where a correctional facility is located, and (2) provide added protections for employees of the Department of Correction relating to the disclosure of personal data.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*