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Testimony of the Board of Pardons and Paroles

**Regarding:
House Bill 6505, An Act Concerning Court Operations**

**Joint Committee on Judiciary
March 15, 2021**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony concerning House Bill 6505, *An Act Concerning Court Operations*. The Board of Pardons and Paroles (“Board”) supports sections 51 and 52 and takes no position on the remaining provisions of this bill.

Both the Board and the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (“CSSD”) have statutory authority over Certificates of Rehabilitation (also referred to as “certificates of employability”). Under existing law, both the Board and CSSD are required to revoke a certificate of rehabilitation if the recipient receives a new conviction subsequent to issuance, however, once the recipient is no longer incarcerated or under supervision, there is no mechanism in place for either the Board or CSSD to learn of new criminal convictions.

Sections 51 and 52 of this bill amend section 54-108f and 54-130e to clarify that the Board may, but is not required, to revoke such certificates and that neither the Board nor CSSD are required to continue monitoring the criminal activity of any person to whom the Board or CSSD have issued a provisional pardon or certificate of rehabilitation, but who is no longer serving a sentence.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.