AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS BY THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION.

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

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) The Connecticut Sentencing Commission established pursuant to section 54-300 of the general statutes shall review animal cruelty laws, including those (1) under chapter 945 of the general statutes, (2) under other provisions of the general statutes, and (3) of other states. As part of such review, the commission shall examine penalties for animal cruelty imposed by laws of this state and other states and whether there are national or regional trends concerning changes to such penalties.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2023, said commission shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section and include recommendations for legislation, if any, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and to the Governor.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To require the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to review the animal cruelty laws in this state and other states and make recommendations, if any, to the legislature for changes to state laws.

[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.]