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To: Senate Bill No. 923

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
4 group to review animal cruelty laws, including those (1) under chapter
5 945 of the general statutes, (2) under other provisions of the general
6 statutes, and (3) of other states. As part of such review, the working
7 group shall examine penalties for animal cruelty imposed by laws of this
8 state and other states and whether there are national or regional trends
9 concerning changes to such penalties.

10 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13 relating to the judiciary;

14 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 who shall be a member of an organization that represents animal control
16 officers;

17 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
18 shall be a current or former state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or
19 deputy assistant state's attorney;

20 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Humane Society of
22 the United States;

23 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a current or former public defender;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the American Kennel
27 Club;

28 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
29 a member of the Sentencing Commission established pursuant to
30 section 54-300 of the general statutes;

31 (8) The Commissioner of Agriculture, or the commissioner's
32 designee;

33 (9) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
34 the commissioner's designee; and

35 (10) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
36 a state police officer, and one of whom shall be a representative of a
37 municipal police department.

38 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision

39 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
40 of the General Assembly.

41 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
42 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
43 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

44 (e) The chairperson and ranking member who are serving on the
45 working group pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
46 section and who are members of the House of Representatives, shall
47 serve as the chairpersons of the working group. Such working group
48 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,
49 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
50 this section.

51 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary
53 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

54 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall report, in
55 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
56 on the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section and include
57 recommendations for legislation, if any, to the joint standing committee
58 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
59 judiciary and to the Governor. The working group shall terminate on
60 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is
61 later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section