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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
AND THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Subsection (f) of section 51-44a of the general statutes is  
4      repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5      *2022*):

6      (f) (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the  
7      commission shall seek qualified candidates for consideration by the  
8      Governor for nomination as judges for the Superior Court, Appellate  
9      Court and Supreme Court. The commission shall adopt regulations, in  
10     accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning criteria by  
11     which to evaluate the qualifications of candidates, including incumbent  
12     judges who seek appointment to a different court. The commission shall  
13     investigate and interview the candidates, including incumbent judges  
14     seeking appointment to a different court. A list of such qualified  
15     candidates shall be compiled by the commission.

16     (2) In addition to the powers set forth in subsection (n) of this section,  
17     (A) if the members of the Judicial Selection Commission, based on a

18 review of the candidate's application, discover that a candidate has  
 19 engaged in professional misconduct as an attorney, the members of said  
 20 commission shall file a written complaint setting forth the candidate's  
 21 alleged professional misconduct with the State-Wide Bar Counsel or the  
 22 State-Wide Grievance Committee, and (B) if the members of the Judicial  
 23 Selection Commission, based on a review of the candidate's application,  
 24 including a review of the information contained in the candidate's  
 25 background check, reasonably believe that a candidate has committed a  
 26 crime, the members of said commission shall refer the matter discovered  
 27 through a review of the candidate's application to the office of the Chief  
 28 State's Attorney.

29 (3) Any candidate seeking consideration by the Governor for  
 30 nomination as a judge for the Superior Court, Appellate Court and  
 31 Supreme Court, who files an application with the Judicial Selection  
 32 Commission, shall have an affirmative duty to continually update the  
 33 information provided in the candidate's original written application  
 34 with said commission. Updated information supplied by the candidate  
 35 to said commission shall include, but not be limited to, (A) whether the  
 36 candidate reasonably believes that he or she may have violated any  
 37 federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance; (B)  
 38 whether any client of the candidate has filed a complaint, grievance or  
 39 initiated legal action against the candidate; and (C) any change in the  
 40 candidate's bar admission status in this or any other state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2022	51-44a(f)