

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5499

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Vote Date: 4/1/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/20/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This was a Judiciary Committee contingency reserve bill to study the criminal laws in this state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director Officer of Chief Public Defender:

She testified in support of the bill, requesting the inclusion of the Chief Public Defender and the Division of Criminal Justice to the membership of the working group for the study of the criminal laws and procedure in the state. She explained that the agency provides legal representation to indigent adults and juvenile criminal proceedings.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Molly H, Arabolos, President, Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

(CCDLA): She testified in support of the bill, requesting the inclusion of the CCDLA to the membership of the working group for the study of criminal laws in the state.

Annie Hornish, CT State Director, The Humane Society of the United States: She testified in support of the bill, requesting an amendment to include representation from the animal welfare community. She expressed their interest in being considered to serve on the working group.

Jess Zaccagnino, Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut

(ACLU-CT): She testified in support of the bill, requesting the Committee consider amending

the language of the bill to ensure representation of formerly incarcerated individuals in the membership of the working group.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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Date: 3-25-24