and a period of special parole pursuant to subsection (b) of section 53a-28; [of at least five years.]

Sec. 18. Subdivision (9) of section 53a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(9) "Peace officer" means a member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or an organized local police department, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal while exercising authority granted under any provision of the general statutes, a judicial marshal in the performance of the duties of a judicial marshal, a conservation officer or special conservation officer, as defined in section 26-5, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties, a special policeman appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a or 29-19, an adult probation officer, an official of the Department of Correction authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make arrests in a correctional institution or facility, any investigator in the investigations unit of the office of the State Treasurer, a United States marshal or deputy marshal, any special agent of the federal government authorized to enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the United States Code, or a member of a law enforcement unit of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut created and governed by a memorandum of agreement under section 47-65c who is certified as a police officer by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive;

Sec. 19. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council. The Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council shall promulgate, review and, as needed, update and amend the domestic violence offender program standards that were presented to the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Committee on September 25, 2014.
(b) The council shall consist of the following members:

(1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.;

(2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a community-based organization that provides group counseling or treatment to persons who have committed acts of domestic violence;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a community-based practicing psychologist or a licensed clinical social worker who provides individual counseling or treatment services to persons who have committed acts of domestic violence;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a community-based organization that provides services to adults with mental health or substance use disorders;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of a community-based organization that provides direct services to persons impacted by domestic violence;

(7) Two appointed by the Chief Court Administrator, one of whom shall be a representative of the Court Support Services Division and one of whom shall be a representative of the Office of Victim Services;

(8) The chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Parole, or the chairperson’s designee;

(9) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's
designee;

(10) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's designee;

(11) The Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's designee; and

(12) The Commissioners of Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Correction and Public Health, or said commissioners' designees.

(c) All appointments to the council shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The representative of the Court Support Services Division and the representative of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc. shall serve as the chairpersons of the council. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Thereafter, the council shall meet upon the call of the chairpersons or upon the call of a majority of the council members.

(e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

(f) Not later than February 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the council shall submit a report on its activities to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The report shall include any updates or amendments to the domestic violence offender program standards adopted during the preceding calendar year.

Sec. 20. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory
Committee shall submit to the Chief Court Administrator the domestic violence offender program standards that were presented to said committee on September 25, 2014. The Chief Court Administrator shall ensure that such program standards, and any updates or revisions thereto provided to the Chief Court Administrator by the Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council, are accessible electronically on the Internet web site of the Judicial Branch.

Sec. 21. Subsection (g) of section 46b-38c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2016):

(g) (1) In cases referred to the local family violence intervention unit, it shall be the function of the unit to [(1)] (A) identify victim service needs, [and, by contract with victim service providers, make available appropriate services that include, but are not limited to, the provision of trauma-informed care by a counselor who provides trauma-informed care, or a referral to a counselor, and (2) identify appropriate offender services and where possible, by contract, provide treatment programs for offenders. For purposes of this subsection, "trauma-informed care" means trauma-informed care, as defined in subsection (d) of section 46b-38b.] (B) assess offenders for the purpose of identifying appropriate services, and (C) monitor compliance with program requirements by offenders who are allowed to participate in the pretrial family violence education program described in subsection (h) of this section.

(2) The Judicial Department may contract with victim service providers to make available, either directly or through referral, appropriate services that include, but are not limited to, the provision of trauma-informed care, as defined in subsection (d) of section 46b-38b.

(3) The Judicial Department may contract with service providers to provide domestic violence offender treatment programs for offenders referred by the court. Such treatment programs shall comply with the
domestic violence offender program standards promulgated under section 19 of this act. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the pretrial family violence education program described in subsection (h) of this section.

Sec. 22. (NEW) (Effective January 1, 2016) For any family violence case initiated on or after July 1, 2016, that is not referred to the local family violence intervention unit as provided in subsection (g) of section 46b-38c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the prosecuting authority shall not enter a nolle prosequi as to any charge of a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a of the general statutes, unless the prosecuting authority states in open court his or her reasons for the nolle prosequi and, if the reasons include consideration of the defendant’s participation in a counseling or treatment program, a representation that such counseling or treatment program complies with the program standards promulgated under section 19 of this act.

Sec. 23. Section 54-86d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2015):

Any person who has been the victim of a sexual assault under section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or injury or risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an attempt thereof, or family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a, shall not be required to divulge his or her address or telephone number during any trial or pretrial evidentiary hearing arising from the sexual assault or injury or risk of injury to, or impairing of morals of, children, or family violence; provided the judge presiding over such legal proceeding shall find: (1) Such information is not material to the proceeding, (2) the identity of the victim has been satisfactorily established, and (3) the current address of the victim will be made available to the defense in the same manner and time as such information is made available to the defense for other criminal offenses.