

Senate, March 12, 1998. The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN, 23rd DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DNA ANALYSIS.

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

1 Subsection (a) of section 54-102j of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) It shall be the duty of the state police
5 forensic science laboratory to receive blood
6 samples and to analyze, classify and file the
7 results of DNA identification characteristics
8 profiles of blood samples submitted pursuant to
9 section 54-102g and to make such information
10 available as provided in this section. The results
11 of an analysis and comparison of the
12 identification characteristics from two or more
13 [blood] samples shall be made available directly
14 to federal, state and local law enforcement
15 officers upon request made in furtherance of an
16 official investigation of any criminal offense. A
17 request may be made by personal contact, mail or
18 electronic means. The name of the person making
19 the request and the purpose for which the
20 information is requested shall be maintained on
21 file with the laboratory.

22 PS COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 21 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 220

STATE IMPACT None, see explanation below
 MUNICIPAL IMPACT None
 STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Public Safety

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The passage of this bill would result in no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety. The language of the bill does not appear to change the current effect of CGS Section 54-102j. It should be noted that the amending of the Statutes to recognize that DNA evidence may be derived from sources other than blood would not result in additional costs to the State.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 220

AN ACT CONCERNING DNA ANALYSIS

SUMMARY: This bill's legal effect is ambiguous. It may allow the State Police forensic science laboratory to share analysis and comparison test results on samples of DNA material other than blood with law enforcement agencies.

By law, the lab must conduct DNA tests and analyses on blood samples of serious sex offenders before they are released and file the results in a DNA data bank. Currently, the lab must make the results of the

analyses from two or more "blood samples" available to law enforcement agencies that request them for use in criminal investigations. The bill deletes the word "blood" from the provision. But it is not clear if "samples" now refer to any type of sample or only to blood samples.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yes 21 Nay 0