



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 906***

LCO No. 3496



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CREATING THE INCARCERATED VETERANS  
REINTEGRATION COUNCIL.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) There is established  
2 an Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council within the Department  
3 of Correction. The council shall consist of the following members: (1)  
4 The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee; (2)  
5 the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, or the commissioner's designee;  
6 (3) one representative from the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning  
7 Division within the Office of Policy and Management; (4) one  
8 representative from the Department of Labor specializing in veterans'  
9 workforce development; (5) one representative of the Connecticut  
10 Veterans' Legal Center, appointed by the Governor; (6) one  
11 representative of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial  
12 branch; and (7) two veterans' service officers, one of whom shall be  
13 appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of  
14 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
15 military and veterans' affairs and one of whom shall be appointed by  
16 the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General

17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and  
18 veterans' affairs. All appointed members shall serve in accordance  
19 with the provisions of section 4-1a of the general statutes. The council  
20 shall appoint annually, from among its members, a chairperson, a vice-  
21 chairperson and a secretary. The council may make rules for the  
22 conduct of its affairs. The council shall meet at least six times per year.

23 (b) The council shall (1) review strategies and procedures for  
24 facilitating the reintegration of incarcerated veterans into the  
25 community; (2) measure the outcomes of such strategies and  
26 procedures; and (3) advise the Commissioner of Correction concerning  
27 goals and recommendations for the successful reintegration of  
28 incarcerated veterans into the community.

29 (c) Not later than January 15, 2016, and annually thereafter, the  
30 council shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
31 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
32 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
33 military and veterans' affairs. Such report shall include, but need not  
34 be limited to, recommendations concerning the reintegration of  
35 incarcerated veterans into the community.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish an Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*