



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 906

January Session, 2015



**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 Labor Department 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	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(4), "Department of Labor" was changed to "Labor Department" for the purposes of accuracy.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*