



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Judiciary Committee Testimony  
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Good afternoon Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Senator Kissel, Representative Rebimbas and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Dane Silcox, Manager of Research and Planning at the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. I thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Governor Lamont's clean slate legislation - **HB 5019, AAC Fair Futures Following Erasure of Criminal Records.**

I would like to begin by saying that the agency fully supports Governor Lamont's proposal and I am here today to briefly discuss the technology aspects of the proposal.

In December of 2018, the State of Connecticut entered into contract with Idemia Identity and Security USA LLC on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to replace and modernize the Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and the Master Name Index and Computerized Criminal History System (MNI-CCH). The much-needed replacement and modernization of these aging systems will be complete by the end of 2020. The systems implemented will be modified beginning in 2021 to meet the requirements of legislation for all records where the data on record enables the erasure based on the criteria outlined.

Specifically;

1. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, all records meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in the bill will be effectively erased and unavailable for dissemination per CGS 54-142a. As with other erased records, law enforcement organizations will continue to be able to access the record under certain circumstances;
2. Any record from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 going forward on a daily basis that meets the eligibility requirements outlined in the bill will be effectively erased and unavailable for dissemination per CGS 54-142a;
3. Messages providing court docket and associated charges will be passed by electronic interface to the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS) for distribution by (CISS) to the court systems and municipal agencies.

Also, with me today is Brian Foley, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Rovella. Brian will be discussing topics such as the cycle of poverty and its relationship with crime, the historic over policing of our poorest populations, and how some of these arrests come about and our absolute care for the victims.

Thank you for allowing us to testify and we are prepared to answer any questions that you may have.

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