

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-959

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.

Vote Date: 3/29/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/15/2021

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill comes to the Judiciary Committee from the Probate Court and makes minor statutory changes to the way the probate court administers its fees and the amount of certain fees. These changes will allow the Probate Court to be more in line with previously passed statute. In addition to updating procedure to be in line with the Connecticut Uniform Trust Code, this legislation would also add new payment methods and technical changes to more easily administer fees.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

State of Connecticut Probate Court Administrator, Beverly K. Streit Kefalas; supports this bill stating the changes put the Probate Courts in concurrence with the Connecticut Uniform Trust Code enacted in 2019, waives probate fees if the state is obligated to pay funeral and burial expenses, expands probate fee payment methods and makes technical corrections to several probate statutes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Stratford, Connecticut, Resident, Jeryl Gray, opposes this bill stating that it expands the power of the probate court and states deep disappointment in the Probate Court system in Connecticut.

