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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 21-183—SB 940 (VETOED)**

*Judiciary Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH  
PROBATE COURT ORDERS**

**SUMMARY:** This act would have specifically required state agencies to recognize, apply, and honor any probate court order, denial, or decree that the court is statutorily authorized to issue. Under the act, “state agency” referred to an agency as defined in the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (UAPA) (see BACKGROUND).

Unlike most probate appeals, the act would have required a party appealing such a probate court decision to file the appeal in Hartford Superior Court, rather than the Superior Court in the judicial district where the probate court is located. Also, as is currently the case for certain probate appeals, the act would have:

1. required hearings on the appeal to begin within 90 days after its filing, unless the probate court or Superior Court granted a stay, and
2. prohibited the Superior Court from referring the appeal to a special assignment probate judge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

**BACKGROUND**

*Definitions*

Under the UAPA, an agency is a state board, commission, department, or officer authorized by law to make regulations or to determine contested cases. The term does not include the House, Senate, or legislative committees; courts; the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct; the governor, lieutenant governor, or attorney general; town or regional boards of education; or automobile dispute settlement panels (CGS § 4-166).