

Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5373

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES OVER OFFENSES COMMITTED BY MINORS ON FEDERAL

Title: MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THIS STATE.

Vote Date: 3/15/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/8/2022

File No.: 207

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veteran's Affairs Committee
Rep. Christine Conley, 40th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill will ensure that crimes committed by minors on federal military base in this state will be handled by state courts instead of federal courts.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Christopher Arnold, the Northeast Regional Liaison at the United States Department of Defense-State Liaison Office](#) supports this bill because it is key to appropriately addressing and reducing juvenile misconduct on military installations, particularly problematic sexual behavior in children and youth. In 2018, Congress expressed its concern about the lack of state or local jurisdiction over juvenile offenses committed on those portions of military installations with exclusive federal legislative jurisdiction.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Connecticut State Representative Christine Conley](#) supports this legislation because it will allow offenses committed by minors to be transferred to state court and allow them to take advantage of juvenile review boards, diversionary programs, and services offered through the State. This bill gives youth who commit crimes on the property of federal military installations the same opportunities as those who commit crimes anywhere else in the state. This would be a benefit to our Navy and Coast Guard communities in southeastern Connecticut and to our youth. I urge the Committee to support this bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[David Godbout](#) opposes this and any bill wherein public testimony is being taken

Reported by: Jay, Snukis

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