
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1134

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR APPRENTICE PROSECUTOR POSITIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Criminal Justice Commission to interview and appoint as an “apprentice prosecutor” any third-year, second-semester student from an accredited law school who is a certified legal intern. (It does not define an apprentice prosecutor’s scope of duties.)

Under the bill, a student the commission appoints as an apprentice prosecutor advances to the position of deputy assistant state’s attorney once admitted to the Connecticut bar within one year after graduating law school. This creates an exception to existing law by guaranteeing appointment upon bar passage (CGS § 51-278a(a)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Criminal Justice Commission

The state constitution establishes the Criminal Justice Commission and charges it with appointing a state’s attorney for each judicial district and other attorneys as prescribed by law (Ct. Const., art. IV, § 27). It consists of seven members: the chief state’s attorney and six members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the General Assembly. Two appointed members must be Superior Court judges (CGS § 51-275a).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/27/2023)