

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1134

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS

Title: FOR APPRENTICE PROSECUTOR POSITIONS.

Vote Date: 3/27/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee requested by the Division of Criminal Justice

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will allow the Division of Criminal Justice to hire third-year law students prior to their passing the Connecticut bar. This would remedy the challenges the Division continues to face in their recruitment on law school campuses and will allow them to be more competitive by drawing from a larger pool of applicants.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Patrick Griffin, Chief State's Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice: He testified in support of the bill, stating that it will enable the Division to better compete with private law firms and other government agencies for third-year law students. The inability to hire and pay such students, prior to their having gained admission to the bar, has hampered the Division's efforts to attract top-tier students who have a desire to be prosecutors.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: George Marinelli

Date: March 24, 2023