

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1212
AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAWS OF
Title: THIS STATE.
Vote Date: 3/31/2023
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/22/2023
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This was a Judiciary Committee contingency reserve bill to study the criminal procedure laws of this state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Deborah Del Prete-Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Office of Chief Public Defender (OCPD):

Ms. Del-Prete-Sullivan writes in support of this bill. OCPD requests that they be included in the membership of this group as they feel they have insight to the criminal procedure laws in Connecticut. Division of Criminal Justice would also be an asset to the group.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Christopher L Dukes, Justice-4-Dukes Coalition:

Mr. Dukes writes in support of this bill. Domestic Violence laws should be strengthened to protect all victims especially those who experience having the judicial system weaponized against them when there are false accusations. He stated that Connecticut failed to protect him and his children from an incident in 2018 when he was wrongly accused of domestic violence and believes that maybe this bill is a step in the right direction to prevent further incidences like his own.

Jess Zaccagnino, Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberty Union- Connecticut (ACLU)

Ms. Zaccagnino writes in support of this bill. The ACLU supports this bill as it will modernize and prune our criminal justice statutes. They also feel that the language of the bill should be

slightly changed to include formerly incarcerated people to ensure they are included in the review.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Bonnie Gray

Date: April 6, 2023