Judiciary Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1549
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAWS OF THIS STATE.
Vote Date: 4/10/2025
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/31/2025
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 in this state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director, Office of Chief Public Defender: She supports this legislation, however, would like to see the Office of Chief Public Defender added to the membership of the groups outlined in the bill.

Patrick Griffin, Chief States Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice: He supports this legislation because a review of this type is long overdue as it has been more than 55 years since the model penal code was adopted following a review by a commission. He believes that in order to make this bill more effective, either the Chief States' Attorney or the Chief Public Defender or their designees must participate in this study.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Jess Zaccagnino, Policy Counsel, ACLU CT: She supports this legislation as it is an important step in reducing the number of things for which a person may be incarcerated. She also suggests a minor language change that would include formerly incarcerated people in the bodies that conduct these reviews because lived experiences are crucial when making the determinations outlined in the law.

Barbara Fair, LCSW, Stop Solitary CT: She submitted testimony in support of this legislation because this state is long overdue in taking a serious look at the countless laws that have been passed that impact those interned by the DOC.

DeAndre Brown, Executive Director and Affiliate, Evolve Love and BLM860: He submitted testimony in support of this legislation.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Griffin Olshan **Date:** April 21, 2025