



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No. 441

LCO No. 1729



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF
PUBLIC DEFENDER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 51-291 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2006*):
- 4 (2) Submit to the commission, [between August fifteenth and
5 September fifteenth] prior to December thirty-first of each year, a
6 report which shall include all pertinent data on the operation of the
7 Division of Public Defender Services, the costs, projected needs, and
8 recommendations for statutory changes, including changes in the civil
9 and criminal law, and changes in court rules, which may be
10 appropriate to the improvement of the system of criminal justice, the
11 rehabilitation of offenders and other related objectives. Prior to
12 [October fifteenth of each] February first of the following year, the
13 commission shall submit the report along with such recommendations,
14 comments, conclusions [,] or other pertinent information it chooses to
15 make, to the Chief Justice, the Governor and the members of the
16 committee on judiciary of the General Assembly. The reports shall be

- 17 public records, shall be maintained in the office of the Chief Public
 18 Defender [.] and shall be otherwise distributed as the commission shall
 19 direct.

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Section 1	July 1, 2006	51-291(2)
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Statement of Purpose:

To revise the deadlines for the Chief Public Defender to submit an annual report to the Public Defender Services Commission and for the commission to submit the report and other pertinent information to the Chief Justice, the Governor and the members of the judiciary committee of the General Assembly.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]



General Assembly

File No. 150

February Session, 2006

Senate Bill No. 441

Senate, March 28, 2006

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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JUD *Joint Favorable*

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill revises the deadlines for submittal of the agency's annual report. The number of printed reports would not change as a result and therefore there is no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 441****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.****SUMMARY:**

This bill changes the annual date by which the (1) chief public defender must submit a report to the Public Defender Services Commission from between August 15 and September 15 to before December 31 and (2) commission must submit a report to the chief justice, governor, and Judiciary Committee from before October 15 to before February 1 of the year following submittal of the chief public defender's report.

By law, the chief public defender's report includes data on the Division of Public Defender Services' operation, costs, and projected needs, and recommended changes to statutes and court rules. The commission's report includes the chief public defender's report and other recommendations, comments, and information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 38 Nay 0 (03/13/2006)

REPORT ON BILLS FAVORABLY REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Judiciary Committee

File No.:

Bill No.: SB-441

PH Date: 3/10/2006

Action/Date: JF 3/13/06

Reference Change:

TITLE OF BILL:

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.

SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Defender

REASONS FOR BILL:

To change the reporting timeframe for the Office of Chief Public Defenders and the Public Service Commission in order for them to provide their annual reports within statutory deadlines.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Office of Chief Public Defender-This proposal would require that the Chief Public Defender submit the annual report to the Commission prior to December 31 of each year and thereafter require submission of the annual report by the Commission to the Chief Justice, Governor and Judiciary Committee before February 1 of the subsequent year. The proposed change would provide enough time, due to availability of statistical and budgetary information, to obtain information necessary for review, ultimately allowing for the timely submission of the annual reports.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Nothing Submitted

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Nothing Submitted

Sarah Kolb

3/14/06

Reported by

Date

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VOTE TALLY SHEET

Bill No.: SB-441

Amendment Letter:

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Chair: MCDONALD, A.

Motion: BERGER, J.

Second: MICHELE, R.

Action: Joint Favorable

Language Change:

TOTALS	Voting	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent and Not Voting	Voice Vote
	38	38	0	0	3	

	yea	nay	abstain	absent
Sen. McDonald, A. S27	X			
Rep. Lawlor, M. 099	X			
Sen. Handley, M. S04	X			
Rep. Spallone, J. 036	X			
Sen. Kissel, J. S07	X			
Rep. Farr, R. 019	X			
Rep. Barry, R. 012	X			
Rep. Berger, J. 073	X			
Rep. Cafero, L. 142	X			
Rep. Candelaria, J. 095	X			
Sen. Cappiello, D. S24	X			
Sen. Coleman, E. S02	X			
Rep. Dillon, P. 092	X			
Rep. Doyle, P. 028	X			
Rep. Dyson, W. 094	X			
Rep. Fox, G. 146	X			
Rep. Fritz, M. 090				X
Rep. Geragosian, J. 025	X			
Rep. Giegler, J. 138	X			
Rep. Godfrey, B. 110				X
Sen. Gomes, E. S23	X			
Rep. Gonzalez, M. 003	X			
Rep. Green, K. 001	X			
Rep. Hamm, G. 034	X			
Rep. Hamzy, W. 078	X			
Rep. Hovey, D. 112	X			
Rep. Klarides, T. 114	X			
Rep. Labriola, D. 131	X			

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Vote date: 3/13/2006 5:00:00 PM

Correction date: