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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46b-121n of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) Two members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be
6 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and one of
7 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

8 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
9 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to the judiciary, children, human services and appropriations,
11 or their designees;

12 (3) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court
13 Administrator's designee;

14 (4) A judge of the superior court for juvenile matters, appointed by
15 the Chief Justice;

16 (5) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of
17 the Judicial Department, or the executive director's designee;

18 (6) The executive director of the Superior Court Operations Division,
19 or the executive director's designee;

20 (7) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's
21 designee;

22 (8) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's
23 designee;

24 (9) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
25 commissioner's designee;

26 (10) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's
27 designee;

28 (11) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

29 (12) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
30 the commissioner's designee;

31 (13) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

32 (14) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
33 designee;

34 (15) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
35 designee;

36 (16) The president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, or the
37 president's designee;

38 (17) The chief of police of a municipality with a population in excess

39 of one hundred thousand, appointed by the president of the Connecticut
40 Police Chiefs Association;

41 (18) Two child or youth advocates, one of whom shall be appointed
42 by one chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight
43 Committee, and one of whom shall be appointed by the other
44 chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee;

45 (19) Two parents or parent advocates, at least one of whom is the
46 parent of a child who has been involved with the juvenile justice system,
47 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
48 Representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority
49 leader of the Senate;

50 (20) The Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's designee;

51 (21) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

52 (22) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
53 secretary's designee;

54 (23) Two children, youths or young adults under twenty-six years of
55 age with lived experience in the juvenile justice system, [one of whom]
56 who shall be appointed by the [house chairperson of the joint standing
57 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
58 relating to the judiciary and one of whom shall be appointed by the
59 house ranking member of such joint committee] community expertise
60 subcommittee;

61 (24) One community member who may be a family member of a child
62 who has been involved with the juvenile justice system or a credible
63 messenger with lived experience in the juvenile justice system and who
64 works with youth in the juvenile justice system, nominated by the
65 community expertise subcommittee and appointed by the chairpersons
66 of this committee;

67 (25) One member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, appointed by

68 the tribe; [and]

69 (26) One member of the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut,
70 appointed by the tribe;

71 (27) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;
72 and

73 (28) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
74 or the commissioner's designee.

75 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-198c of the general statutes is
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
77 *passage*):

78 (b) (1) Each local and regional board of education that (A) has a
79 district chronic absenteeism rate of ten per cent or higher shall establish
80 an attendance review team for the school district, (B) has a school under
81 the jurisdiction of the board with a school chronic absenteeism rate of
82 fifteen per cent or higher shall establish an attendance review team at
83 such school, (C) has more than one school under the jurisdiction of the
84 board with a school chronic absenteeism rate of fifteen per cent or higher
85 shall establish an attendance review team for the school district or at
86 each such school, or (D) has a district chronic absenteeism rate of ten per
87 cent or higher and one or more schools under the jurisdiction of the
88 board with a school chronic absenteeism rate of fifteen per cent or higher
89 shall establish an attendance review team for the school district or at
90 each such school. Such attendance review teams shall be established to
91 address chronic absenteeism in the school district or at the school or
92 schools.

93 (2) Any attendance review team established under this subsection
94 may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school
95 counselors, school social workers, teachers and representatives from
96 community-based programs who address issues related to student
97 attendance by providing programs and services to truants, as defined in

98 section 10-198a, and chronically absent children and their parents or
99 guardians. Each attendance review team shall be responsible for
100 reviewing the cases of truants and chronically absent children,
101 discussing school interventions and community referrals for such
102 truants and chronically absent children and making any additional
103 recommendations for such truants and chronically absent children and
104 their parents or guardians. Each attendance review team shall meet at
105 least monthly and report annually to the Department of Education on
106 the team's specific efforts and outcomes. The department, in
107 collaboration with the education subcommittee within the Juvenile
108 Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established pursuant to section
109 46b-121n, as amended by this act, shall identify school district metrics
110 presented by such reports.

111 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-198d of the general statutes is
112 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
113 *passage*):

114 (a) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Department of Education [, in
115 consultation with the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement
116 Gap established pursuant to section 10-16nn,] shall develop a chronic
117 absenteeism prevention and intervention plan for use by local and
118 regional boards of education to reduce chronic absenteeism in the school
119 district. Not later than January 1, 2026, the department shall report to
120 the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established
121 pursuant to section 46b-121n, as amended by this act, on the use and
122 efficacy of the plan by school districts. The department, in collaboration
123 with the education subcommittee within the Juvenile Justice Policy and
124 Oversight Committee, shall identify school district metrics presented by
125 such report.

126 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Each municipality or agent of a
127 municipality operating a juvenile review board or other diversion
128 programs for youth shall report annually to the Department of Children
129 and Families on data related to children diverted by the use of such

130 boards or programs and the outcomes of such diversions, and as
131 otherwise directed by the department.

132 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December 1,
133 2025, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established
134 under section 7-294b of the general statutes, the chairpersons of the
135 Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established pursuant
136 to section 46b-121n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
137 representatives of the community expertise subcommittee of said
138 committee shall develop a state-wide uniform youth diversion policy
139 for proposed adoption by said council.

140 (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Police Officer Standards and
141 Training Council established under section 7-294b of the general
142 statutes, the chairpersons of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight
143 Committee established pursuant to section 46b-121n of the general
144 statutes, as amended by this act, and representatives of the community
145 expertise subcommittee of said committee shall develop a youth
146 diversion training curriculum for proposed inclusion in minimum basic
147 training programs requiring satisfactory completion for purposes of
148 obtaining certification as a police officer.

149 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2025, and
150 annually thereafter, the Department of Children and Families shall
151 report on its implementation of the Specialized Trauma-Informed
152 Treatment Assessment and Reunification Enhancement Plan released
153 by the department in March 2024, to the Juvenile Justice Policy and
154 Oversight Committee established pursuant to section 46b-121n of the
155 general statutes, as amended by this act. Such initial report shall use
156 metrics in use at the time of such reporting. Not later than September
157 30, 2025, the department shall consider and may develop additional
158 metrics for use in successive annual reports.

159 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of
160 Policy and Management shall annually report to the Juvenile Justice

161 Policy and Oversight Committee established pursuant to section 46b-
 162 121n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, an evaluation of the
 163 recommendations outlined in the quality assurance logic model
 164 reporting of the reentry success plan developed pursuant to section 3 of
 165 public act 23-188, as amended by section 2 of public act 24-139. Such
 166 evaluations shall be conducted using a secure data enclave.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	46b-121n(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-198c(b)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-198d(a)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.

[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.]