



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7250

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***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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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. Section 46b-121n of the general statutes is amended by adding
76 subsection (v) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

77 (NEW) (v) (1) There is established within the committee a state
78 advisory council to fulfill tasks assigned to the state and required by the
79 federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, 42 USC 5601
80 et seq., as amended from time to time. Such tasks shall include, but need
81 not be limited to, participating in the development of and annual
82 revisions to a juvenile justice plan for the state and advising state
83 agencies on administering the plan and the allocation of certain grant
84 funds. The state advisory council shall have the opportunity to review
85 and comment on all applications for a formula grant under Title II of
86 said act submitted to the state.

87 (2) The council shall consist of at least fifteen members, but not more
88 than thirty-three members as follows:

89 (A) The undersecretary for the Office of Policy and Management,
90 who directs the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division
91 established pursuant to section 4-68m of the general statutes, or the
92 undersecretary's designee; and

93 (B) The remaining fourteen to thirty-two members, each appointed
94 by the Governor in a manner consistent with said act, as follows:

95 (i) At least one-fifth of whom shall be under the age of twenty-four
96 years at the time of the member's initial appointment; and

97 (ii) At least three of the members shall have been or are under the
98 jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system, or if not feasible and in
99 appropriate circumstances, a parent or guardian of such a person.

100 (3) The term for each member of the council appointed pursuant to
101 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be three
102 years beginning on June thirtieth, and ending on June thirtieth or until
103 a successor is appointed.

104 (4) Any member may serve two full terms, which may be consecutive.

105 (5) The Governor shall stagger the initial appointments to the council.

106 (6) Any member appointed to fulfill a term left vacant by a member
107 shall serve for the remaining period of such term and may be
108 reappointed subject to limitations provided in the provisions of
109 subdivision (4) of this subsection.

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

113 (b) (1) Each local and regional board of education that (A) has a
114 district chronic absenteeism rate of ten per cent or higher shall establish
115 an attendance review team for the school district, (B) has a school under
116 the jurisdiction of the board with a school chronic absenteeism rate of
117 fifteen per cent or higher shall establish an attendance review team at
118 such school, (C) has more than one school under the jurisdiction of the
119 board with a school chronic absenteeism rate of fifteen per cent or higher
120 shall establish an attendance review team for the school district or at
121 each such school, or (D) has a district chronic absenteeism rate of ten per
122 cent or higher and one or more schools under the jurisdiction of the
123 board with a school chronic absenteeism rate of fifteen per cent or higher
124 shall establish an attendance review team for the school district or at
125 each such school. Such attendance review teams shall be established to
126 address chronic absenteeism in the school district or at the school or
127 schools.

128 (2) Any attendance review team established under this subsection
129 may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school
130 counselors, school social workers, teachers and representatives from

131 community-based programs who address issues related to student
132 attendance by providing programs and services to truants, as defined in
133 section 10-198a, and chronically absent children and their parents or
134 guardians. Each attendance review team shall be responsible for
135 reviewing the cases of truants and chronically absent children,
136 discussing school interventions and community referrals for such
137 truants and chronically absent children and making any additional
138 recommendations for such truants and chronically absent children and
139 their parents or guardians. Each attendance review team shall meet at
140 least monthly.

141 (3) Not later than February 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
142 Department of Education shall report, in accordance with the provisions
143 of section 11-4a, to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee
144 established pursuant to section 46b-121n, as amended by this act, on
145 each district with an attendance review team, including specific efforts
146 and outcomes of such teams that are for alliance districts, as defined in
147 section 10-262u, as reported in the alliance district plan, and any
148 effective practice implemented by an attendance review team to reduce
149 chronic absenteeism rates.

150 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Each municipality or agent of a
151 municipality operating a juvenile review board or another diversion
152 program for youth shall annually report, in accordance with the
153 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
154 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
155 relating to the judiciary and children and to the Office of the Chief State's
156 Attorney on data related to children diverted by the use of such board
157 or program and the outcomes of such diversions, and as otherwise
158 directed by the Department of Children and Families.

159 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2026,
160 the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established under
161 section 7-294b of the general statutes, the chairpersons of the Juvenile
162 Justice Policy and Oversight Committee established pursuant to section
163 46b-121n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and

164 representatives of the community expertise subcommittee of said
 165 committee shall develop (1) a state-wide uniform youth diversion policy
 166 for proposed adoption by said council, and (2) a youth diversion
 167 training curriculum for proposed inclusion in minimum basic training
 168 programs requiring satisfactory completion for purposes of obtaining
 169 certification as a police officer.

170 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2025, and
 171 annually thereafter, the Department of Children and Families shall
 172 report on its implementation of the Specialized Trauma-Informed
 173 Treatment Assessment and Reunification Enhancement Plan released
 174 by the department in March 2024, to the Juvenile Justice Policy and
 175 Oversight Committee established pursuant to section 46b-121n of the
 176 general statutes, as amended by this act. Such initial report shall use
 177 metrics in use at the time of such reporting. Not later than September
 178 30, 2025, the department shall consider and may develop additional
 179 metrics for use in successive annual reports.

180 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of
 181 Policy and Management shall annually report to the Juvenile Justice
 182 Policy and Oversight Committee established pursuant to section 46b-
 183 121n of the general statutes, as amended by this act, an evaluation of the
 184 reentry success plan developed pursuant to section 3 of public act 23-
 185 188, as amended by section 2 of public act 24-139, and provide policy
 186 development coordination at the Office of Policy and Management and
 187 the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch. Such
 188 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>	46b-121n(v)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-198c(b)
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
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 5, Subsecs. (a) and (b) were consolidated for clarity.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*