



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 1387***

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### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBED DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM GOVERNING BOARD AND THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY SAID BOARD.***

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

1       Section 1. Section 54-142q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3       (a) As used in this section, (1) "governing board" means the Criminal  
4       Justice Information System Governing Board established in this section,  
5       (2) "offender-based tracking system" means an information system that  
6       enables, as determined by the governing board and subject to this  
7       chapter, criminal justice agencies, as defined in subsection (b) of section  
8       54-142g, the Division of Public Defender Services and the Office of the  
9       Federal Public Defender to share criminal history record information, as  
10      defined in subsection (a) of section 54-142g, and to access electronically  
11      maintained offender and case data involving felonies, misdemeanors,  
12      violations, motor vehicle violations, motor vehicle offenses for which a  
13      sentence to a term of imprisonment may be imposed, and infractions,  
14      and (3) "criminal justice information systems" means the information  
15      systems designed and implemented pursuant to section 54-142s, as  
16      amended by this act.

17 (b) There shall be a Criminal Justice Information System Governing  
18 Board which shall be within the Department of Emergency Services and  
19 Public Protection for administrative purposes only and shall oversee  
20 criminal justice information systems.

21 (c) The governing board shall be composed of the Chief Court  
22 Administrator, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public  
23 Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the  
24 Commissioner of Correction, the chairperson of the Board of Pardons  
25 and Paroles, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the  
26 Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Victim Advocate, the  
27 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the chairpersons and ranking  
28 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on  
29 judiciary and the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association.  
30 The Chief Court Administrator and a person appointed by the Governor  
31 from among the membership shall serve as cochairpersons. Each  
32 member of the governing board may appoint a designee who shall have  
33 the same powers as such member.

34 (d) The governing board shall meet at least once during each calendar  
35 quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary. A  
36 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
37 business.

38 (e) The governing board shall hire an executive director of the board  
39 who shall not be a member of the board and who shall serve at the  
40 pleasure of the board. The executive director shall be qualified by  
41 education, training or experience to oversee the design and  
42 implementation of a comprehensive, state-wide information technology  
43 system for the sharing of criminal justice information as provided in  
44 section 54-142s, as amended by this act. The governing board may  
45 authorize by board policy the executive director to enter into contracts,  
46 agreements or memoranda of understanding on behalf of the board. The  
47 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall provide  
48 office space and such staff, supplies and services as necessary for the  
49 executive director to properly carry out his or her duties under this

50 subsection.

51 (f) The governing board shall develop plans, maintain policies and  
52 provide direction for the efficient operation and integration of criminal  
53 justice information systems, whether such systems service a single  
54 agency or multiple agencies. The governing board shall establish  
55 standards and procedures for use by agencies to assure the  
56 interoperability of such systems, authorized access to such systems and  
57 the security of such systems.

58 (g) In addition to the requirements of subsection (f) of this section, the  
59 duties and responsibilities of the governing board shall be to: (1)  
60 Oversee the operations and administration of criminal justice  
61 information systems; (2) establish such permanent and ad hoc  
62 committees as it deems necessary, with appointments to such  
63 committees not restricted to criminal justice agencies; (3) recommend  
64 any legislation necessary for implementation, operation and  
65 maintenance of criminal justice information systems; (4) establish and  
66 implement policies and procedures to meet the system-wide objectives,  
67 including the provision of appropriate controls for data access and  
68 security; and (5) perform all necessary functions to facilitate the  
69 coordination and integration of criminal justice information systems.

70 (h) A member of the governing board, a member of a permanent or  
71 an ad hoc committee established by the governing board, and any  
72 person operating and administering the criminal justice information  
73 system shall be deemed to be "state officers and employees" for the  
74 purposes of chapter 53 and section 5-141d.

75 (i) Information that may be accessed by the Division of Public  
76 Defender Services or the Office of the Federal Public Defender pursuant  
77 to subsection (a) of this section shall be limited to: (1) Conviction  
78 information, as defined in subsection (c) of section 54-142g, (2)  
79 information that is otherwise available to the public, and (3)  
80 information, including nonconviction information, concerning a client  
81 whom the division has been appointed by the court to represent and is

82 representing at the time of the request for access to such information.

83 Sec. 2. Section 54-142s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

85 (a) The Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board shall  
86 design and implement a comprehensive, state-wide information  
87 technology system to facilitate the immediate, seamless and  
88 comprehensive sharing of information between all state agencies,  
89 departments, boards and commissions having any cognizance over  
90 matters relating to law enforcement and criminal justice, and organized  
91 local police departments and law enforcement officials.

92 (b) Such information technology system shall include, without  
93 limitation, a central tracking and information database, a central  
94 electronic document repository and centralized analytical tools, as  
95 provided in subsections (c) to [(e)] (f), inclusive, of this section, all of  
96 which shall be developed with state-of-the-art technology, as provided  
97 in subsection [(f)] (g) of this section, and such other components or  
98 elements as are determined to be appropriate or necessary by the board  
99 after development of a plan for the design and implementation of such  
100 system.

101 (c) Such information technology system shall include a central,  
102 integrated criminal justice tracking and information database that  
103 provides:

104 (1) Complete biographical information and vital statistics for all  
105 offenders and former offenders still living; and

106 (2) Tracking information for all offenders in the criminal justice  
107 system, from investigation through incarceration and release, and  
108 seamless integration with any electronic monitoring systems, global  
109 positioning systems and any offender registries.

110 (d) Such information technology system may additionally include  
111 any other relevant information collected, managed or maintained by a

112 criminal justice agency, as defined in section 54-142g, or another entity  
113 having cognizance over matters relating to law enforcement, criminal  
114 justice and public safety. Such information technology system is  
115 intended to integrate and share public safety data and shall not be  
116 restricted to offender-based data.

117     ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Such information technology system shall include a central,  
118 integrated electronic repository of criminal justice records and  
119 documents that provides:

120         (1) Access to all state and local police reports, presentence  
121 investigations and reports, psychological and medical reports, criminal  
122 records, incarceration and parole records, and court records and  
123 transcripts, whether such records and documents normally exist in  
124 electronic or hard copy form; and

125         (2) Access to scanning and processing facilities to ensure that such  
126 records and documents are integrated into the system and updated  
127 immediately.

128     ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Such information technology system shall include centralized  
129 analytical tools, bundled together in a custom-designed enterprise  
130 system that includes:

131         (1) Analytical tools that empower and enhance criminal case  
132 assessment, sentencing and plea agreement analysis and pardon, parole,  
133 probation and release decisions;

134         (2) Analytical tools that empower and enhance forecasting  
135 concerning recidivism and future offenses for each individual offender;  
136 and

137         (3) Collaborative functionality that enables seamless cross-  
138 department communication, information exchange, central note-taking  
139 and comment capabilities for each offender.

140     ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Such information technology system shall be developed with  
141 state-of-the-art relational database technology and other appropriate

142 software applications and hardware, and shall be:

143 (1) Completely accessible by any authorized criminal justice official  
144 through the Internet;

145 (2) Completely integrated with the state police, organized local police  
146 departments, law enforcement agencies and such other agencies and  
147 organizations as the governing board deems necessary and appropriate,  
148 and their information systems and database applications;

149 (3) Indexed and cross-referenced by offender name, residence,  
150 community, criminal offense and any other data points necessary for the  
151 effective administration of the state's criminal justice system;

152 (4) Fully text searchable for all records;

153 (5) Secure and protected by high-level security and controls;

154 (6) Accessible to the public subject to appropriate privacy protections  
155 and controls; and

156 (7) Monitored and administered by the Criminal Justice Information  
157 Systems Governing Board, with the assistance of the Department of  
158 Administrative Services, provided major software and hardware needs  
159 may be provided and serviced by private, third-party vendors.

160 [(g)] (h) Any third-party vendor or contractor of criminal justice-  
161 related record management systems, assisting in the design and  
162 implementation of the state-wide information technology system  
163 pursuant to this section, that requires access to criminal history record  
164 information maintained on the state's criminal justice information  
165 technology system shall, prior to being allowed to access such  
166 information, obtain written approval from the Criminal Justice  
167 Information System Governing Board to access such information in the  
168 manner prescribed by said board. Any contract, subcontract or  
169 amendment to a contract or subcontract entered into by the Criminal  
170 Justice Information System Governing Board and a third-party vendor  
171 or contractor concerning criminal justice-related record management

172 systems shall include specifications established by said board that  
173 ensure that all policies, procedures, processes and control systems,  
174 including hardware, software and protocols that are provided by the  
175 third-party vendor or contractor are compatible with, and support, the  
176 state's criminal justice information technology system.

177     [(h)] (i) Not later than January first, annually, the Criminal Justice  
178 Information System Governing Board shall report, in accordance with  
179 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
180 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and  
181 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning the status  
182 of the design and implementation of such information technology  
183 system. In conjunction with the report, the board shall also make a  
184 presentation to said committees during the ensuing regular session  
185 concerning the status of the design and implementation of such  
186 information technology system and a specific itemization of the  
187 additional resources, if any, that are needed to achieve such design and  
188 implementation.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |         |
| Section 1                                                                     | October 1, 2025 | 54-142q |
| Sec. 2                                                                        | October 1, 2025 | 54-142s |

**JUD**       *Joint Favorable Subst.*