



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1503

LCO No. 6122



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT INCENTIVIZING EDUCATIONAL AND WORKFORCE
ACHIEVEMENT AS A MEANS OF REDUCING A PROBATIONER'S
TERM OF SUPERVISION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The court or sentencing judge may at any time during the period
4 of probation or conditional discharge, after hearing and for good cause
5 shown, terminate a sentence of probation or conditional discharge
6 before the completion thereof, except a sentence of probation imposed
7 for conviction of a violation of subdivision (2) of section 53-21 of the
8 general statutes in effect prior to October 1, 2000, section 53a-70b of the
9 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or
10 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53-21 or section 53a-70, 53a-
11 70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a or 53a-72b.

12 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
13 the Director of Adult Probation or an Adult Probation Regional
14 Manager within the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
15 Branch may authorize (1) a sixty-day reduction to a probationer's

16 sentence of probation or conditional discharge for each educational
 17 advancement activity completed by the probationer during the term of
 18 probation; and (2) a thirty-day reduction to a probationer's sentence of
 19 probation or conditional discharge for each workforce achievement
 20 activity completed by the probationer during the term of probation.
 21 Reductions to a probationer's sentence of probation or conditional
 22 discharge authorized under this subsection, in the aggregate, shall not
 23 exceed fifty per cent of the term of the sentence of probation or
 24 conditional discharge. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a
 25 sentence of probation imposed for conviction of a violation of
 26 subdivision (2) of section 53-21 of the general statutes in effect prior to
 27 October 1, 2000, section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958,
 28 revised to January 1, 2019, or subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section
 29 53-21 or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a or 53a-72b. As used in
 30 this subsection, "educational advancement activity" means completion
 31 of educational activities that result in the award of a high school
 32 diploma pursuant to section 10-5a, or the conferral of an academic
 33 degree or vocational certificate by an institution of higher learning or
 34 commercial training, a state college, a technical education and career
 35 school or technical institute; and "workforce achievement" means
 36 continuous and verifiable full-time employment, for not less than thirty
 37 hours per week for a six-month period for which the probationer earns
 38 a wage.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	53a-33
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Statement of Purpose:

To incentivize a probationer to complete educational and workforce achievements as a means of reducing the probationer's term of supervision.

[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.]