



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 1542***

*January Session, 2025*



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### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HANDCUFFS ON YOUNG CHILDREN.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 46b-122a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) There shall be a presumption in juvenile proceedings that all  
4 mechanical restraints shall be removed from a preadjudicated detained  
5 [juvenile] child prior to and throughout the detainee's appearance in  
6 court. In juvenile proceedings, in-court use of mechanical restraints on  
7 preadjudicated detainees shall be by order of the court and pursuant to  
8 Judicial Branch written policy. The Judicial Branch shall keep statistics  
9 on the use of mechanical restraints on [juveniles] a child during  
10 proceedings and, notwithstanding any provision of section 46b-124,  
11 shall provide such statistics to any member of the public upon request,  
12 provided any identifying information concerning a juvenile is redacted.

13 (b) Beginning at the point of initial contact with a police officer, no  
14 preadjudicated child under fourteen years of age may be restrained  
15 using handcuffs, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section or  
16 when necessary for purposes of public safety or because the child is  
17 using or threatening to use physical force on a police officer who is  
18 engaging with such child.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	46b-122a
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*