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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7255**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL BRANCH OPERATIONS AND  
PROCEDURES AND THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL BRANCH  
PERSONNEL."**

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- 1 In line 33, after "and" insert "may perform the following"
  - 2 In lines 45 and 53, after "recorded" insert "and each succeeding page
  - 3 number within a document that contains personal information that
  - 4 needs to be redacted"
  - 5 In lines 57 and 62, after "number" insert "and each succeeding page
  - 6 number within a document that contains personal information that
  - 7 needs to be redacted"
  - 8 Strike lines 69 and 70 in their entirety
  - 9 Strike lines 82 and 83 in their entirety and insert "in good faith." in
  - 10 lieu thereof

11 In line 88, after the period, insert the following:

12 "(h) Nothing in this section shall require the removal or redaction of  
13 personal information contained in records required to be published in  
14 accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section  
15 1-200 of the general statutes, including agendas, minutes, videos or  
16 transcripts of public meetings."

17 Strike section 16 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

18 "Sec. 16. Section 51-345 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

20 (a) Except as provided in section 51-348 and subsections (b) to (h),  
21 inclusive, of this section, all civil process shall be made returnable to a  
22 judicial district, as follows:

23 (1) If all of the parties reside outside this state, to the judicial district  
24 where (A) the injury occurred, (B) the transaction occurred, or (C) the  
25 property is located or lawfully attached.

26 (2) If the defendant is not a resident, to the judicial district where the  
27 attached property is located.

28 (3) If either or both the plaintiff or the defendant are residents of this  
29 state, to the judicial district where either the plaintiff or the defendant  
30 resides, except:

31 (A) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
32 Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or Enfield, the action may be  
33 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district  
34 of Hartford or the judicial district of Tolland.

35 (B) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
36 Plymouth, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
37 plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Britain or the judicial  
38 district of Waterbury.

39 (C) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
40 Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may be made  
41 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
42 New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.

43 (D) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
44 Southbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
45 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial  
46 district of Waterbury.

47 (E) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
48 Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston,  
49 Westport or Wilton, the action may be made returnable at the option of  
50 the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the  
51 judicial district of Bridgeport.

52 (F) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
53 Watertown or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the  
54 option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the  
55 judicial district of Litchfield.

56 (G) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Avon  
57 [, Canton, Farmington] or Simsbury, the action may be made returnable  
58 at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or  
59 the judicial district of [New Britain] Litchfield.

60 (H) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
61 Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made  
62 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
63 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions where  
64 venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348 or in  
65 rules of court.

66 (I) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
67 Cromwell, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
68 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district  
69 of Middlesex.

70 (J) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of New  
71 Milford, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff  
72 to either the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district of  
73 Litchfield.

74 (K) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of  
75 Windham or Ashford, the action may be made returnable at the option  
76 of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Windham or the judicial  
77 district of Tolland.

78 (b) In all actions involving the title to land, for trespass to land and to  
79 foreclose or redeem mortgages or liens upon real property, civil process  
80 shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the real property  
81 is located, either entirely or in part, except:

82 (1) If the land is located in the town of Manchester, East Windsor,  
83 South Windsor or Enfield and either the plaintiff or the defendant  
84 resides in the town of Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or  
85 Enfield, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff  
86 to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district of  
87 Tolland.

88 (2) If the land is located in the town of Plymouth and either the  
89 plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Plymouth, the action  
90 may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial  
91 district of New Britain or the judicial district of Waterbury.

92 (3) If the land is located in the town of Bethany, Milford, West Haven  
93 or Woodbridge and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the  
94 town of Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may  
95 be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial  
96 district of New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.

97 (4) If the land is located in the town of Southbury and either the  
98 plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Southbury, the action  
99 may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial  
100 district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial district of Waterbury.

101 (5) If the land is located in the town of Weston, Westport or Wilton  
102 and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in any one of these  
103 towns, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff  
104 to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the judicial district  
105 of Bridgeport.

106 (6) If the land is located in the town of Watertown or Woodbury and  
107 either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Watertown or  
108 Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
109 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the judicial district  
110 of Litchfield.

111 (7) If the land is located in the town of Avon [, Canton, Farmington]  
112 or Simsbury and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town  
113 of Avon [, Canton, Farmington] or Simsbury, the action may be made  
114 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
115 Hartford or the judicial district of [New Britain] Litchfield.

116 (8) If the land is located in the town of Newington, Rocky Hill or  
117 Wethersfield and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town  
118 of Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made  
119 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
120 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions where  
121 venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348 or in  
122 rules of court.

123 (9) If the land is located in the town of New Milford and either the  
124 plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of New Milford, the action  
125 may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial  
126 district of Danbury or the judicial district of Litchfield.

127 (c) In all actions by a domestic or foreign business organization,  
128 except actions made returnable under subsection (b), (d) or (g) of this  
129 section, civil process shall be made returnable as follows:

130 (1) If the plaintiff is a domestic business organization and the  
131 defendant is a resident, either (A) to the judicial district where the

132 plaintiff has an office or place of business, or (B) to the judicial district  
133 where the defendant resides, except:

134 (i) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
135 Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or Enfield, the action may be  
136 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district  
137 of Hartford or the judicial district of Tolland.

138 (ii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
139 Plymouth, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
140 plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Britain or the judicial  
141 district of Waterbury.

142 (iii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
143 Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may be made  
144 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
145 New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.

146 (iv) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
147 Southbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
148 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial  
149 district of Waterbury.

150 (v) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
151 Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston,  
152 Westport or Wilton, the action may be made returnable at the option of  
153 the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the  
154 judicial district of Bridgeport.

155 (vi) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
156 Watertown or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the  
157 option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the  
158 judicial district of Litchfield.

159 (vii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
160 Avon [, Canton, Farmington] or Simsbury, the action may be made  
161 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of

162 Hartford or the judicial district of [New Britain] or Litchfield.

163 (viii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
164 Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made  
165 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
166 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions where  
167 venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348 or in  
168 rules of court.

169 (ix) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
170 Cromwell, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
171 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district  
172 of Middlesex.

173 (x) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of New  
174 Milford, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff  
175 to either the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district of  
176 Litchfield.

177 (xi) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
178 Windham or Ashford, the action may be made returnable at the option  
179 of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Windham or the judicial  
180 district of Tolland.

181 (2) If the plaintiff is a domestic business organization and the  
182 defendant is a domestic or foreign business organization, to the judicial  
183 district where (A) the plaintiff has an office or place of business, (B) the  
184 injury occurred, (C) the transaction occurred, or (D) the property is  
185 located or lawfully attached, except:

186 (i) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
187 Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or Enfield, the action may be  
188 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district  
189 of Hartford or the judicial district of Tolland.

190 (ii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
191 Plymouth, the action may be made returnable at the option of the

192 plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Britain or the judicial  
193 district of Waterbury.

194 (iii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
195 Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may be made  
196 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
197 New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.

198 (iv) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
199 Southbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
200 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial  
201 district of Waterbury.

202 (v) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
203 Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston,  
204 Westport or Wilton, the action may be made returnable at the option of  
205 the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the  
206 judicial district of Bridgeport.

207 (vi) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
208 Watertown or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the  
209 option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the  
210 judicial district of Litchfield.

211 (vii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
212 Avon [, Canton, Farmington] or Simsbury, the action may be made  
213 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
214 Hartford or the judicial district of [New Britain] Litchfield.

215 (viii) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
216 Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made  
217 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of  
218 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions where  
219 venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348 or in  
220 rules of court.

221 (ix) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of



222 Cromwell, the action may be made returnable at the option of the  
223 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district  
224 of Middlesex.

225 (x) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of New  
226 Milford, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff  
227 to either the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district of  
228 Litchfield.

229 (xi) If the plaintiff has an office or place of business in the town of  
230 Windham or Ashford, the action may be made returnable at the option  
231 of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Windham or the judicial  
232 district of Tolland.

233 (3) If the plaintiff is a foreign business organization and the defendant  
234 is a resident, to the judicial district where the defendant resides.

235 (4) If the plaintiff is a foreign business organization and the defendant  
236 is a domestic or foreign business organization, to the judicial district  
237 where (A) the injury occurred, (B) the transaction occurred, or (C) the  
238 property is located or lawfully attached.

239 (d) In all actions involving consumer transactions, civil process shall  
240 be made returnable to the judicial district where the consumer resides  
241 or where the transaction occurred. For the purposes of this subsection,  
242 "consumer transaction" means a transaction in which a natural person  
243 obligates himself or herself to pay for goods sold or leased, services  
244 rendered or moneys loaned for personal, family or household purposes.

245 (e) In all actions for the partition or sale of any property, civil process  
246 shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the parties, or one  
247 of them, reside; but, if none of them resides in this state, then to the  
248 judicial district where all or a part of the property is located.

249 (f) In all actions by a nonresident executor, trustee under a will or  
250 administrator, civil process shall be made returnable to the same judicial  
251 district as would be proper if the plaintiff resided in the town where the

252 Probate Court which granted administration is held.

253 (g) Venue for small claims matters shall be at Superior Court facilities  
254 designated by the Chief Court Administrator to hear such matters. In  
255 small claims matters, civil process shall be made returnable to the  
256 Superior Court facility designated by the Chief Court Administrator to  
257 serve the small claims area where the plaintiff resides, where the  
258 defendant resides or is doing business or where the transaction or injury  
259 occurred. If the plaintiff is a domestic or foreign business organization,  
260 civil process shall be made returnable to a Superior Court facility  
261 designated by the Chief Court Administrator to serve the small claims  
262 area where the defendant resides or is doing business or where the  
263 transaction or injury occurred.

264 (h) (1) In all actions involving housing matters, as defined in section  
265 47a-68, civil process shall be made returnable to the judicial district  
266 where the premises are located, except that actions described in  
267 subdivision (6) of section 47a-68 shall be heard in the geographical area  
268 where the premises are located unless otherwise provided in subsection  
269 (d) of section 51-348.

270 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
271 subsection concerning the judicial district to which civil process shall be  
272 made returnable:

273 (A) If the premises are located in [Avon, Canton, Farmington,]  
274 Newington, Rocky Hill [, Simsbury] or Wethersfield, the action may be  
275 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district  
276 of Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain.

277 (B) If the premises are located in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby,  
278 Oxford, Seymour or Shelton, the action shall be made returnable to the  
279 judicial district of Ansonia-Milford. After the filing of the action, the  
280 plaintiff or the defendant may request a change in venue to the judicial  
281 district of New Haven or the judicial district of Waterbury.

282 (C) If the premises are located in Milford, Orange or West Haven, the

283 action shall be made returnable to the judicial district of New Haven.

284 (D) If the premises are located in Avon or Simsbury, the action shall  
285 be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial  
286 district of Hartford or the judicial district of Litchfield."

287 Strike section 24 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

288 "Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
289 conduct a review of the habeas corpus procedures utilized by the federal  
290 government and other states and, after conducting such review, make  
291 recommendations to the General Assembly, that include, but are not  
292 limited to, best practices that could be implemented in this state to: (1)  
293 Ensure a timely review and adjudication of habeas corpus claims; (2)  
294 establish standards for the presentation of repeated habeas corpus  
295 claims associated with the same incident; (3) prioritize credible habeas  
296 corpus claims and limit the filing of repetitive or meritless habeas  
297 corpus claims; and (4) provide balance between providing public  
298 counsel in habeas corpus claims and the cost of litigating repetitive or  
299 meritless claims.

300 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) One  
301 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (2) one  
302 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one appointed  
303 by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (4) one  
304 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (5) one appointed by the  
305 minority leader of the House of Representatives; (6) one appointed by  
306 the minority leader of the Senate; (7) one appointed by the House  
307 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
308 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary; (8) one appointed  
309 by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General  
310 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary; (9) one  
311 appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing  
312 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
313 relating to the judiciary; (10) one appointed by the Senate ranking  
314 member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

315 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary; (11) the Chief  
316 Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; (12)  
317 the Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's designee; and  
318 (13) the Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee.

319 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
320 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
321 filled by the appointing authority.

322 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
323 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
324 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
325 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later  
326 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

327 (e) Judicial Branch employees as designated by the Chief Court  
328 Administrator shall serve as administrative staff to the task force.

329 (f) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report  
330 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
331 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
332 judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
333 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
334 submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later."

335 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
336 internal references accordingly:

337 "Sec. 501. Subsection (e) of section 4b-51 of the general statutes is  
338 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
339 *2025*):

340 (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
341 Commissioner of Administrative Services may select consultants to be  
342 on a list established for the purpose of providing any consultant  
343 services. Such list shall be established as provided in sections 4b-56 and  
344 4b-57, as amended by this act. The commissioner may enter into a

345 contract with any consultant on such list to perform a range of  
346 consultant services or to perform a range of tasks pursuant to a task  
347 letter detailing services to be performed under such contract.

348 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
349 Commissioner of Administrative Services may (A) compile a list of  
350 architects, professional engineers and construction administrators for  
351 the limited purpose of providing consultant services for a particular  
352 program involving various projects for the construction of new  
353 buildings or renovations to existing buildings where such buildings are  
354 under the operation and control of either the Military Department, [or]  
355 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or the Judicial  
356 Branch, and (B) enter into a contract with any architect, professional  
357 engineer or construction administrator on such list for such limited  
358 purpose, except that (i) the Adjutant General may perform the functions  
359 described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision for any such  
360 building under the operation and control of the Military Department,  
361 and (ii) the Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court  
362 Administrator's designee, may perform the functions described in  
363 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision for any such building  
364 under the operation and control of the Judicial Branch when the cost of  
365 such consultant services is estimated to not exceed three hundred  
366 thousand dollars.

367 (3) As used in this subsection, "consultant" means "consultant" as  
368 defined in section 4b-55, "consultant services" means "consultant  
369 services" as defined in section 4b-55, and "program" means multiple  
370 projects involving the planning, design, construction, repair,  
371 improvement or expansion of specified buildings, facilities or site  
372 improvements, wherein the work (A) will be of a repetitive nature, (B)  
373 will share a common funding source that imposes particular  
374 requirements, or (C) would be significantly facilitated if completed by  
375 the same design professional or construction administrator.

376 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 4b-57 of the general statutes is  
377 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

378 2025):

379 (c) In the case of consultants selected under subsection (e) of section  
380 4b-51, as amended by this act, except consultants selected under  
381 subparagraph (B)(ii) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 4b-51,  
382 as amended by this act, the responses received shall be considered by  
383 the selection panel. The panel shall select, from among those persons  
384 responding, a list of those persons most qualified to perform the  
385 consultant services. Knowledge of the state building and fire code and  
386 whether the consultant is a micro business, as defined in subsection (c)  
387 of section 4a-59, shall be considered in determining a consultant's  
388 qualifications.

389 Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 4b-58 of the general statutes is  
390 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
391 *2025*):

392 (a) (1) Except in the case of a project, a priority higher education  
393 facility project, a project, as defined in subdivision (16) of section 10a-  
394 109c, undertaken by The University of Connecticut, a community court  
395 project, a correctional facility project, a juvenile residential center  
396 project, a project undertaken by the Judicial Branch in which the cost of  
397 the consultant services is estimated not to exceed three hundred  
398 thousand dollars and the downtown Hartford higher education center  
399 project, the commissioner shall negotiate a contract for consultant  
400 services with the firm most qualified, in the commissioner's judgment,  
401 at compensation which the commissioner determines is both fair and  
402 reasonable to the state. (2) In the case of a project, the commissioner shall  
403 negotiate a contract for such services with the most qualified firm from  
404 among the list of firms submitted by the panel at compensation which  
405 the commissioner determines in writing to be fair and reasonable to the  
406 state. If the commissioner is unable to conclude a contract with any of  
407 the firms recommended by the panel, the commissioner shall, after  
408 issuing written findings of fact documenting the reasons for such  
409 inability, negotiate with those firms which the commissioner determines  
410 to be most qualified, at fair and reasonable compensation, to render the

411 particular consultant services under consideration. (3) Whenever  
412 consultant services are required for a priority higher education facility  
413 project, a project in which the cost of such consultant services is  
414 estimated to exceed three hundred thousand dollars involving the  
415 construction, repair or alteration of a building or premises under the  
416 supervision of the Office of the Chief Court Administrator or property  
417 where the Judicial Department is the primary occupant, a community  
418 court project, a correctional facility project, a juvenile residential center  
419 project, or the downtown Hartford higher education center project, the  
420 commissioner shall select and interview at least three consultants or  
421 firms and shall negotiate a contract for consultant services with the firm  
422 most qualified, in the commissioner's judgment, at compensation which  
423 the commissioner determines is both fair and reasonable to the state.  
424 Except for the downtown Hartford higher education center project, the  
425 commissioner shall notify the State Properties Review Board of the  
426 commissioner's action not later than five business days after such action  
427 for its approval or disapproval in accordance with subsection (i) of  
428 section 4b-23, except that if, not later than fifteen days after such notice,  
429 a decision has not been made, the board shall be deemed to have  
430 approved such contract.

431 Sec. 504. Section 51-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
432 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

433 Under the supervision and direction of the Chief Court  
434 Administrator, the staff of the Office of Chief Court Administrator shall:

435 (1) Audit all bills to be paid from state appropriations, except bills of  
436 the Division of Criminal Justice, for the expenses of the Judicial  
437 Department and its constituent courts prior to taxation or final approval  
438 thereof by any judge;

439 (2) Maintain adequate accounting and budgetary records for all  
440 appropriations by the state for the maintenance of the Judicial  
441 Department, except the Division of Criminal Justice, and all other  
442 appropriations assigned by the legislature or state budgetary control

443 offices for administration by the Judicial Department, except the  
444 Division of Criminal Justice;

445 (3) Prepare and submit to the appropriate budget agency of the state  
446 government estimates of appropriations necessary for the maintenance  
447 and operation of the Judicial Department, including therein estimates  
448 submitted for the Division of Criminal Justice as provided in section 51-  
449 279, and make recommendations in respect to those appropriations;

450 (4) Act as secretary of any meetings, conferences or assemblies of  
451 judges, or committees thereof, of the Judicial Department and of its  
452 constituent courts;

453 (5) Supervise all purchases of commodities and services for the  
454 Judicial Department, except for the Division of Criminal Justice, to be  
455 charged to state appropriations, and issue all orders therefor for the  
456 department, excluding orders for the Division of Criminal Justice;

457 (6) Examine the administrative methods and systems employed in  
458 the Judicial Department and its constituent courts and agencies, except  
459 the Division of Criminal Justice, and develop and implement programs  
460 for the improvement thereof and for securing uniform administration  
461 and procedures;

462 (7) Examine the state of the dockets of the courts of the Judicial  
463 Department to ascertain the need for assistance by any court and to  
464 implement programs for the fair and prompt disposition of cases  
465 therein;

466 (8) Collect and compile statistical and other data concerning the  
467 business transacted by the Judicial Department and its constituent  
468 courts and the expenditure of public moneys for the maintenance and  
469 operation of the judicial system;

470 (9) Assist in the preparation of the assignments of the judges of the  
471 Superior Court and attend to the printing and distribution for the  
472 Superior Court of an annual directory containing relevant information



473     pertaining to the operation of the court;

474         (10) Serve as payroll officer for the Judicial Department, excluding  
475     the Division of Criminal Justice, and for the Supreme Court, Appellate  
476     Court and Superior Court;

477         (11) Supervise the assignment of court reporters of the Superior  
478     Court;

479         (12) Conduct research and planning activities for the Judicial  
480     Department and its constituent courts and offices as deemed feasible by,  
481     or in the discretion of, the Chief Justice or the Chief Court  
482     Administrator;

483         (13) Develop education programs for the judges and other personnel  
484     of the Judicial Department;

485         (14) Develop personnel standards, policies and procedures, and make  
486     recommendations concerning all personnel matters, including requests  
487     for salary increases or for additional positions, for consideration by the  
488     Supreme Court or the appropriate appointing authorities;

489         (15) Report periodically to the Chief Court Administrator concerning  
490     all matters which have been entrusted to such staff;

491         (16) Attend to matters assigned to such staff by the Chief Justice, or  
492     the Chief Court Administrator or by statute;

493         (17) Design, implement and maintain, as deemed feasible by the  
494     Chief Court Administrator, computerized automatic data processing  
495     systems for use in the Supreme Court, Appellate Court and Superior  
496     Court or divisions of the Superior Court;

497         (18) Supervise administrative methods employed in clerks' offices  
498     and in the various offices of the Supreme Court, Appellate Court and  
499     Superior Court; and

500         (19) Supervise the care and control of all property where the Judicial

501 Department is the primary occupant, which supervision shall include  
502 planning, execution of contracts, [except for] including contracts for  
503 consultant services, [which shall be] except when such contracts are  
504 estimated to exceed three hundred thousand dollars and are subject to  
505 section 4b-58, as amended by this act, oversight and supervision of work  
506 involving the construction, repair or alteration of a building or premises  
507 under the supervision of the Office of the Chief Court Administrator,  
508 when construction contracts do not exceed [one million two hundred  
509 fifty thousand] three million dollars. For the purposes of this  
510 subdivision, "Judicial Department" does not include the courts of  
511 probate, the Division of Criminal Justice and the Public Defender  
512 Services Commission, except where they share facilities in state-  
513 maintained courts."

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

Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	51-345
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4b-51(e)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4b-57(c)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	4b-58(a)
Sec. 504	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	51-9