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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION OMBUDS, DISCLOSURE OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS OR ALLEGED MISCONDUCT BY A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEE AND USE OF FORCE AND BODY CAMERAS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 18-81jj of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (m) The person appointed as Correction Ombuds shall serve for [an
7 initial] a term of two years, [and] except that on and after January 6,
8 2027, a person appointed as Correction Ombuds shall serve for a term
9 of four years to run concurrent with the term of the Governor. Such
10 person may serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed in
11 accordance with this section [. Such person] and may be reappointed for

12 succeeding terms.

13 Sec. 2. Section 18-81qq of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 (a) (1) There is, within the Office of Governmental Accountability
16 established under section 1-300, the Office of the Correction Ombuds for
17 the provision of ombuds services. The Correction Ombuds appointed
18 pursuant to section 18-81jj, as amended by this act, shall be the head of
19 said office.

20 (2) For purposes of this section, "ombuds services" includes:

21 (A) Evaluating the delivery of services to persons who are
22 incarcerated [persons] by the Department of Correction;

23 (B) Reviewing periodically the nonemergency procedures
24 established by the department to carry out the provisions of title 18 and
25 evaluating whether such procedures conflict with the rights of
26 [incarcerated] persons who are incarcerated;

27 (C) Receiving communications, [from persons in the custody of the
28 Commissioner of Correction] including telephone calls and electronic
29 mail from persons who are incarcerated, who shall be permitted to make
30 such telephone or electronic mail communications free of charge,
31 regarding decisions, actions, omissions, policies, procedures, rules or
32 regulations of the department;

33 (D) Conducting announced or unannounced site visits of correctional
34 facilities administered by the department, without restrictions on such
35 visits, including during periods when a facility is locked down or
36 experiencing a facility-wide emergency, provided the department may
37 restrict access to a portion of a facility in an emergency situation for the
38 duration of the emergency. For the purpose of this subparagraph, a
39 situation or event constituting an emergency shall be determined by the
40 commissioner or the commissioner's designee, to be a situation
41 constituting a significant risk to the safety or security of the facility, or

42 the health, safety or security of department staff or persons who are
43 incarcerated, or an event that significantly compromises the operations
44 of the facility;

45 (E) Reviewing the operation of correctional facilities and
46 nonemergency procedures employed at such facilities. Nonemergency
47 procedures include, but are not limited to, the department's use of force
48 procedures;

49 (F) Recommending procedure and policy revisions to the
50 department;

51 (G) Taking all possible actions, including, but not limited to,
52 conducting programs of public education, undertaking legislative
53 advocacy and making proposals for systemic reform and formal legal
54 action in order to secure and ensure the rights of persons in the custody
55 of the commissioner. The Correction Ombuds [shall exhaust all other
56 means to reach a resolution before initiating] is not authorized to
57 institute litigation; [and]

58 (H) Conducting surveys by sending or distributing during facility
59 visits, confidential written and electronic communications or
60 questionnaires to persons who are incarcerated or employees of the
61 Department of Correction concerning conditions of confinement,
62 working conditions or other subjects within the scope of the duties of
63 the Office of the Correction Ombuds, without prior approval of the
64 department. Such persons who are incarcerated or employees shall be
65 permitted to complete and return to said office such surveys either in
66 written format or electronically. No survey may be sent or distributed
67 to an employee of the Department of Correction, unless the Correction
68 Ombuds previously made such survey available for review and
69 comment by the bargaining units representing such employees; and

70 [(H)] (I) Publishing on an Internet web site operated by the Office of
71 the Correction Ombuds a semiannual summary of all ombuds services
72 and activities during the six-month period before such publication.

73 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
74 Correction Ombuds shall act independently of any department in the
75 performance of the office's duties.

76 (c) The Correction Ombuds may, within available funds, appoint
77 such staff as may be deemed necessary. The duties of the staff may
78 include the duties and powers of the Correction Ombuds if performed
79 under the direction of the Correction Ombuds.

80 [(d) The General Assembly shall annually appropriate such sums as
81 necessary for the payment of the salaries of the staff and for the payment
82 of office expenses and other actual expenses incurred by the Correction
83 Ombuds in the performance of the Correction Ombuds' duties. Any
84 legal or court fees obtained by the state in actions brought by the
85 Correction Ombuds shall be deposited in the General Fund.]

86 (d) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
87 appropriations recommended for the Office of the Correction Ombuds
88 shall be the estimates of the expenditure requirements transmitted to the
89 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management by the Correction
90 Ombuds and the recommended adjustments and revisions of such
91 estimates shall be the recommended adjustments and revisions, if any,
92 transmitted by said Correction Ombuds to the director of the Office of
93 Policy and Management.

94 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
95 Governor shall not reduce allotment requisitions or allotments in force
96 concerning the Office of the Correction Ombuds.

97 (e) (1) The Correction Ombuds need not investigate a complaint, if
98 the Correction Ombuds determines such investigation is not warranted.
99 If the Correction Ombuds determines that such investigation is not
100 warranted, the Correction Ombuds shall inform the person making the
101 complaint of such decision in writing.

102 [(e)] (2) In the course of [investigations] an investigation, the
103 Correction Ombuds shall rely on a variety of sources to corroborate

104 matters raised by persons who are incarcerated [persons] or others.
105 Where such matters turn on validation of particular incidents, the
106 Correction Ombuds shall endeavor to rely on communications from
107 persons who are incarcerated [persons] who have reasonably pursued a
108 resolution of the complaint through any existing internal grievance
109 procedures of the Department of Correction. In all events, the
110 Correction Ombuds shall make good faith efforts to provide an
111 opportunity to the Commissioner of Correction to investigate and to
112 respond to such concerns prior to making such matters public.

113 (3) (A) At the conclusion of an investigation, the Correction Ombuds
114 shall render a public decision on the merits of each complaint.
115 Documents supporting the decision are subject to relevant
116 confidentiality provisions, but may be disclosed by request of and to (i)
117 the complainant or an authorized representative of the family of the
118 complainant as disclosed to the Correction Ombuds, or (ii) the
119 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
120 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
121 Department of Correction. The Correction Ombuds shall communicate
122 the decision to the person making the complaint and to the department.
123 The Correction Ombuds shall include in any decision findings of any
124 department administrative directive, state or constitutional right that
125 has been violated by the department or an employee of the department
126 and recommendations and reasoning if, in the Correction Ombuds'
127 opinion, the department or any employee should (I) further investigate
128 the complaint; (II) modify or cancel an action of the department or
129 employee; (III) alter a department rule, practice or ruling; (IV) explain
130 in detail the action in question; or (V) rectify an omission of the
131 department or employee.

132 (B) At least ninety-six hours prior to issuing a decision pursuant to
133 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision that expressly, or by implication,
134 criticizes the department or an employee of the department, the
135 Correction Ombuds shall consult with the department or employee or a
136 representative of the employee's bargaining unit, as applicable.

137 (4) At the Correction Ombuds' request, the department shall, during
138 a period of time agreed upon with the Correction Ombuds, inform the
139 Correction Ombuds of any action taken on recommendations contained
140 in a decision pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection or any reason
141 for not complying with any such recommendation. The Correction
142 Ombuds shall notify the incarcerated person whose complaint resulted
143 in a decision containing such recommendation, of any action taken by
144 the department in response to such recommendation.

145 (f) All oral and written communications, including, but not limited
146 to, in response to any survey, and records relating to such
147 communications between a person in the custody of the Commissioner
148 of Correction, or an employee of the Department of Correction, and the
149 Correction Ombuds or a member of the Office of the Correction
150 Ombuds staff, including, but not limited to, the identity of a
151 complainant, the details of the communications and the Correction
152 Ombuds' findings shall be confidential and exempt from the Freedom
153 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall not be disclosed
154 without the consent of such person, except that the Correction Ombuds
155 (1) may disclose without the consent of such person general findings or
156 policy recommendations based on such communications, provided no
157 individually identifiable information is disclosed, [The Correction
158 Ombuds shall disclose sufficient information to the Commissioner of
159 Correction or the commissioner's designee as is necessary to respond to
160 the Correction Ombuds' inquiries or to carry out recommendations, but
161 such information may not be further disclosed outside of the
162 Department of Correction] and (2) shall immediately disclose to the
163 Commissioner of Correction any communication concerning a physical
164 threat made against such person's self, a member of the public, an
165 incarcerated person or an employee of the Department of Correction.
166 For the purposes of this section, identical or blank surveys and
167 questionnaires received by said office shall not be confidential.

168 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
169 whenever in the course of carrying out the Correction Ombuds' duties,

170 the Correction Ombuds or a member of the Office of the Correction
171 Ombuds staff becomes aware of the commission or planned commission
172 of a criminal act or threat that the Correction Ombuds reasonably
173 believes is likely to result in death or substantial bodily harm, the
174 Correction Ombuds shall immediately notify the Commissioner of
175 Correction or an administrator of any correctional facility housing the
176 perpetrator or potential perpetrator of such act or threat and the nature
177 and target of the act or threat.

178 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes concerning
179 the confidentiality of records and information, the Correction Ombuds
180 shall have access to, including the right to inspect and copy, any records
181 necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Correction Ombuds, as
182 provided in this section. The provisions of this subsection shall not be
183 construed to compel access to any record protected by the attorney-
184 client privilege or attorney-work product doctrine or any record related
185 to a pending internal investigation, external criminal investigation or
186 emergency procedures. For purposes of this subsection, "emergency
187 procedures" are procedures the Department of Correction uses to
188 manage control of tools, keys and armories and concerning department
189 emergency plans, emergency response units, facility security levels and
190 standards and radio communications.

191 (i) The Correction Ombuds, if a commissioner of the Superior Court,
192 may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of
193 witnesses or the production of books, papers and other documents and
194 administer oaths to witnesses in any matter under investigation. Any
195 such subpoena shall be served upon the person to whom such subpoena
196 is issued not later than fifteen days prior to the time specified in the
197 subpoena for compliance. Such person may, not later than fifteen days
198 after service of such subpoena, or on or before the time specified in the
199 subpoena for compliance, whichever is later, serve upon the Correction
200 Ombuds written objection to the subpoena and file such objection in the
201 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, which shall adjudicate
202 such objection in accordance with the rules of the court. If any person to

203 whom such subpoena is issued fails to so object or appear or, having
204 appeared, refuses to give testimony or fails to produce the evidence
205 required, the Correction Ombuds may apply to the superior court for
206 the judicial district of Hartford, which shall have jurisdiction to order
207 such person to appear and give testimony or to produce such evidence,
208 as the case may be.

209 (j) In the performance of the duties provided for in this section, the
210 Correction Ombuds may communicate privately with any person in the
211 custody of the commissioner. Such communications shall be
212 confidential except as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

213 (k) (1) The Correction Ombuds may conduct hearings in accordance
214 with the provisions of chapter 54 and may request that any person
215 appear before the Correction Ombuds or at a hearing and give
216 testimony or produce documentary or other evidence that the
217 Correction Ombuds considers relevant to a matter under investigation.

218 (2) The Correction Ombuds, when scheduling such hearing, shall
219 arrange an appearance of a person who is incarcerated or an employee
220 of the department in cooperation with the department at a time and
221 location that does not interfere with the operation of a correctional
222 facility. Any appearance of a person who is incarcerated shall occur at
223 the facility where such person is incarcerated at the time of the hearing.

224 (l) The Correction Ombuds shall make available to persons who are
225 incarcerated confidential means by which to report concerns or
226 otherwise submit complaints to the Correction Ombuds, which may
227 include, but need not be limited to (1) electronic means or a locked box,
228 accessible only by the Correction Ombuds and the employees of the
229 Office of the Correction Ombuds, and (2) a hotline for persons who are
230 incarcerated to communicate with said office. All measures shall be
231 taken to ensure there is no risk or credible fear of retaliation against
232 persons who are incarcerated for submitting complaints to the
233 Correction Ombuds. Submission of complaints to the Correction
234 Ombuds shall not be part of the department administrative grievance or

235 appeal process, and the Correction Ombuds' decisions shall not
236 constitute agency action. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to
237 constitute part of the administrative exhaustion process. The Correction
238 Ombuds shall not require persons who are incarcerated to file
239 grievances or other inquiries as part of the department's system to be
240 considered ripe for review by the Correction Ombuds.

241 [(i)] (m) In the performance of the responsibilities provided for in this
242 section, the Correction Ombuds may communicate privately with any
243 person in the custody of the commissioner. Such communications shall
244 be confidential except as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this
245 section.

246 [(j)] (n) The Correction Ombuds may apply for and accept grants,
247 gifts and bequests of funds from other states, federal and interstate
248 agencies, for the purpose of carrying out the Correction Ombuds'
249 responsibilities. There is established within the General Fund a
250 Correction Ombuds account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
251 account. Any funds received under this subsection shall, upon deposit
252 in the General Fund, be credited to said account and may be used by the
253 Correction Ombuds in the performance of the Correction Ombuds'
254 duties.

255 [(k)] (o) The name, address and other personally identifiable
256 information of a person who makes a complaint to the Correction
257 Ombuds, information obtained or generated by the Office of the
258 Correction Ombuds in the course of an investigation and all confidential
259 records obtained by the Correction Ombuds or the office shall be
260 confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of
261 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, or otherwise except as
262 provided in subsections (f) and (g) of this section.

263 [(l)] (p) No state or municipal agency shall discharge, or in any
264 manner discriminate or retaliate against, any employee who in good
265 faith makes a complaint to the Correction Ombuds or cooperates with
266 the Office of the Correction Ombuds in an investigation.

267 [(m)] (q) Not later than December 1, 2023, and annually thereafter,
268 the Correction Ombuds shall submit a report, in accordance with section
269 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
270 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction
271 regarding the conditions of confinement in the state's correctional
272 facilities and halfway houses. Such report shall detail the Correction
273 Ombuds' findings and recommendations.

274 Sec. 3. Section 1-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

276 The following officers may administer oaths: (1) The clerks of the
277 Senate, the clerks of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons
278 of committees of the General Assembly or of either branch thereof,
279 during its session; (2) state officers, as defined in subsection (t) of section
280 9-1, judges and clerks of any court, family support magistrates, judge
281 trial referees, justices of the peace, commissioners of the Superior Court,
282 notaries public, town clerks and assistant town clerks, in all cases where
283 an oath may be administered, except in a case where the law otherwise
284 requires; (3) commissioners on insolvent estates, auditors, arbitrators
285 and committees, to parties and witnesses, in all cases tried before them;
286 (4) assessors and boards of assessment appeals, in cases coming before
287 them; (5) commissioners appointed by governors of other states to take
288 the acknowledgment of deeds, in the discharge of their official duty; (6)
289 the moderator of a school district meeting, in such meeting, to the clerk
290 of such district, as required by law; (7) the chief elected official of a
291 municipality, in any matter before the chief elected official of a
292 municipality; (8) the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical
293 Examiner and assistant medical examiners of the Office of the Medical
294 Examiner, in any matter before them; (9) registrars of vital statistics, in
295 any matter before them; (10) any chief inspector or inspector appointed
296 pursuant to section 51-286; (11) registrars of voters, deputy registrars,
297 assistant registrars, and moderators, in any matter before them; (12)
298 special assistant registrars, in matters provided for in subsections (b)
299 and (c) of section 9-19b and section 9-19c; (13) the Commissioner of

300 Emergency Services and Public Protection and any sworn member of
301 any local police department or the Division of State Police within the
302 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in all
303 affidavits, statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by
304 any member of any local police department or said Division of State
305 Police or any constable who is under the supervision of said
306 commissioner or any of such officers of said Division of State Police and
307 who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e,
308 inclusive, and performs criminal law enforcement duties; (14) judge
309 advocates of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps
310 and Space Force, law specialists of the United States Coast Guard,
311 adjutants, assistant adjutants, acting adjutants and personnel adjutants,
312 commanding officers, executive officers and officers whose rank is
313 lieutenant commander or major, or above, of the armed forces, as
314 defined in section 27-103, to persons serving with or in the armed forces,
315 as defined in said section, or their spouses; (15) investigators, deputy
316 investigators, investigative aides, secretaries, clerical assistants, social
317 workers, social worker trainees, paralegals and certified legal interns
318 employed by or assigned to the Public Defender Services Commission
319 in the performance of their assigned duties; (16) bail commissioners,
320 intake, assessment and referral specialists, family relations counselors,
321 support enforcement officers, chief probation officers and supervisory
322 judicial marshals employed by the Judicial Department in the
323 performance of their assigned duties; (17) juvenile matter investigators
324 employed by the Division of Criminal Justice in the performance of their
325 assigned duties; (18) the chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council
326 or the chairperson's designee; (19) the presiding officer at an agency
327 hearing under section 4-177b; (20) investigators employed by the
328 Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Services, in the
329 performance of their assigned duties; (21) the chairperson, vice-
330 chairperson, members and employees of the Board of Pardons and
331 Paroles, in the performance of their assigned duties; (22) the
332 Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee; (23) sworn
333 law enforcement officers, appointed under section 26-5, within the
334 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in all affidavits,

335 statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by any such
336 sworn law enforcement officer; (24) sworn motor vehicle inspectors
337 acting under the authority of section 14-8; (25) the Correction Ombuds
338 pursuant to section 18-81qq, as amended by this act, and [(25)] (26)
339 eligibility workers, specialists and supervisors employed by the
340 Department of Social Services for the sole purpose of witnessing the
341 execution of an affirmation or acknowledgment of parentage when their
342 assigned duties include witnessing such execution.

343 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For any agreement or
344 arbitration award approved on or after the effective date of this section,
345 in accordance with the provisions of sections 5-270 to 5-280, inclusive,
346 of the general statutes, on matters appropriate to collective bargaining,
347 as defined in said sections, where any provision in such agreement or
348 award pertaining to the disclosure of disciplinary matters or alleged
349 misconduct by a Department of Correction employee would prevent the
350 disclosure of documents required to be disclosed under the provisions
351 of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the
352 general statutes, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act shall
353 prevail. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to
354 diminish a bargaining agent's access to information pursuant to state
355 law.

356 (b) No collective bargaining agreement or arbitration award entered
357 into on or after the effective date of this section, by the state and any
358 collective bargaining unit of the Department of Correction may prohibit
359 the disclosure of any disciplinary action based on a violation of the
360 administrative directives contained in the personnel file of an officer of
361 said division.

362 Sec. 5. Section 18-81nn of the general statutes is repealed and the
363 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

364 (a) Any correction officer who witnesses another correction officer
365 use what the witnessing correction officer objectively knows to be
366 excessive or illegal use of force shall intervene and attempt to stop such

367 other correction officer from using such force. Any correction officer
368 who fails to intervene in such an incident may be prosecuted and
369 punished in accordance with the provisions of section 53a-8 for the same
370 acts as the correction officer who used unreasonable, excessive or illegal
371 force.

372 (b) Any correction officer who witnesses another correction officer
373 use what the witnessing correction officer objectively knows to be
374 unreasonable, excessive or illegal use of force or is otherwise aware of
375 such use of force by another correction officer shall report, as soon as is
376 practicable, such use of force to the [witnessing correction officer's
377 immediate supervisor. Such supervisor] warden of the facility where
378 such use of force occurred, who shall immediately upon being informed
379 of such use of force report such use of force to the [immediate supervisor
380 of the correction officer who is reported to have used such force]
381 Commissioner of Correction and the state police. Any correction officer
382 required to report such an incident who fails to do so may be prosecuted
383 and punished in accordance with the provisions of sections 53a-165 to
384 53a-167, inclusive.

385 (c) The Department of Correction or any employee of the department
386 shall not take any retaliatory personnel action or discriminate against a
387 correction officer because such correction officer intervened in an
388 incident pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or reported an incident
389 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Such intervening or reporting
390 correction officer shall be protected by the provisions of section 4-61dd.

391 (d) If a correction officer is giving a formal statement about the use of
392 force or if a correction officer is the subject of a disciplinary investigation
393 in which a recording is being considered as part of a review of an
394 incident, the officer shall (1) have the right to review such recording in
395 the presence of the officer's attorney or labor representative, and (2)
396 have the right to review recordings capturing the officer's image or voice
397 during the incident. Such recording shall not be disclosed, except by
398 request of and to (A) a person in the recording or an authorized
399 representative of the family of such person as disclosed to the Correction

400 Ombuds; or (B) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
401 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
402 matters relating to the Department of Correction.

403 (e) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Correction
404 shall develop a plan for the implementation of body-worn recording
405 equipment in correctional facilities. Not later than February 1, 2026, the
406 commissioner shall report such plan, in accordance with the provisions
407 of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
408 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety,
409 government oversight and the Department of Correction. Such plan
410 shall include recommendations for any legislation necessary to
411 implement such plan, the budgetary resources required for the
412 implementation of such plan and the department's timeline for
413 implementation of such plan, if such budgetary resources are made
414 available.

415 (f) For purposes of this section, "use of force" means the use of
416 physical force or deadly physical force, as defined in section 53a-3, by a
417 correction officer to compel compliance by a person who is incarcerated.
418 "Use of force" includes, but is not limited to, the use of restraints,
419 chemical agents, canines, chokeholds or munitions or forceable
420 extraction from a cell.

421 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) The Office of the Correction
422 Ombuds, established pursuant to section 18-81qq of the general statutes,
423 as amended by this act, in consultation with the office of the Attorney
424 General, shall publish on said offices' Internet web sites a list of the case
425 captions and the names of the parties for each case filed on or after
426 January 1, 2026, against the Department of Correction relating to
427 excessive use of force or medical neglect that is defended by the
428 Attorney General.

429 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of
430 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 29-11 of the general statutes,
431 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the Commissioner of Emergency

432 Services and Public Protection shall waive a criminal history record
433 information search or fingerprint search fee for any person (1) whose
434 criminal history record information was required to be deemed erased
435 by operation of law pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of
436 section 54-142a of the general statutes, and (2) who has demonstrated
437 through evidence sufficient to the Department of Emergency Services
438 and Public Protection that such person submitted and paid for a prior
439 criminal history record information search or fingerprint search that
440 included records that have been deemed erased. The commissioner may
441 waive fees pursuant to this section not more than two times per person.

442 Sec. 8. Subsection (g) of section 54-142t of the general statutes is
443 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
444 *2025*):

445 (g) On and after January 1, 2024, if a person (1) believes any of such
446 person's criminal history record information was required to be deemed
447 erased by operation of law pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e)
448 of section 54-142a, and (2) submits [a copy of such person's criminal
449 history record information search demonstrating that such criminal
450 history record information has not been marked as erased] an
451 application to the Department of Emergency Services and Public
452 Protection in a form and manner determined by the department, the
453 department shall, following a contested hearing if the department
454 determines relief cannot be immediately granted, make a determination
455 on whether such criminal history information should be deemed erased
456 by operation of law. If a hearing is held, the department shall, not later
457 than fifteen days prior to the hearing, provide the applicant with any
458 criminal history record information to be considered by the department
459 in adjudicating the application and issue a written notice of its
460 determination not later than fifteen days following the hearing. Such
461 determination shall constitute a final decision for the purposes of the
462 provisions of chapter 54."

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	18-81jj(m)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	18-81qq
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	1-24
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	18-81nn
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	54-142t(g)