
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1387

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.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the types of information available for inclusion in the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS), a comprehensive, statewide criminal justice information database and records system accessible by the police and criminal justice agencies (see BACKGROUND).

Existing law requires the CISS to have (1) biographical information and vital statistics for all offenders and living former offenders; (2) tracking information for offenders, from investigation through incarceration and release; and (3) access to certain records like police or medical reports and criminal, incarceration, parole, or court records. The bill allows it to also include any other relevant information collected, managed, or kept by a criminal justice agency or another entity with authority over law enforcement, criminal justice, and public safety matters. Additionally, the bill specifies that the CISS is intended to integrate and share public safety data and is not restricted to offender-based data.

By law, the Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board oversees the CISS through an executive director it hires. The bill allows the governing board, by board policy, to authorize the executive director to enter into contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding on the board's behalf.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

BACKGROUND***Criminal Justice Agency***

By law, criminal justice agencies include courts with criminal jurisdiction and statutory government agencies that engage as their main function in criminal justice administration activities. Examples of these agencies include the departments of correction, emergency services and public protection, and motor vehicles; the Division of Criminal Justice; the Court Support Services Division; the Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of the Victim Advocate; and municipal police departments. The law also includes the parts of public, noncriminal justice agencies if they are created by statute and principally engage in the same activities as their main function (CGS § 54-142g).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 10 (04/10/2025)