



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 466***

LCO No. 2813



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING VEXATIOUS REQUESTERS UNDER THE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 1-206 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (6) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection, a public agency  
5 may petition the commission for relief from a requester that the public  
6 agency alleges is a vexatious requester. Such petition shall be sworn  
7 under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-157b, and  
8 shall detail the conduct which the agency alleges demonstrates a  
9 vexatious history of requests, or harassing or threatening conduct,  
10 including, but not limited to: (A) The number of requests filed and the  
11 total number of pending requests; (B) the scope of the requests; (C) the  
12 nature, content, language or subject matter of the requests; (D) the  
13 nature, content, language or subject matter of other oral and written  
14 communications to the agency or an employee of the agency from the

15 requester, including, but not limited to, threatening or harassing  
16 conduct that took place at or outside of the agency's office regardless of  
17 whether such conduct was related to the request; and (E) a pattern of  
18 conduct that amounts to an abuse of the right to access information  
19 under the Freedom of Information Act or an interference with the  
20 operation of the agency. Upon receipt of such petition, the executive  
21 director of the commission shall review the petition and determine  
22 whether it warrants a hearing. If the executive director determines that  
23 a hearing is not warranted, the executive director shall recommend that  
24 the commission deny the petition without a hearing. The commission  
25 shall vote at its next regular meeting after such recommendation to  
26 accept or reject such recommendation and, after such meeting, shall  
27 issue a written explanation of the reasons for such acceptance or  
28 rejection. If the executive director determines that a hearing is  
29 warranted, the commission shall serve upon all parties, by certified or  
30 registered mail or electronic transmission, a copy of such petition  
31 together with any other notice or order of the commission. The  
32 commission shall, after due notice to the parties, hear and either grant  
33 or deny the petition not later than one year after its filing. Upon a grant  
34 of such petition, the commission may provide appropriate relief  
35 commensurate with the vexatious conduct, including, but not limited  
36 to, an order that the agency need not comply with future requests from  
37 the vexatious requester for a specified period of time determined by the  
38 commission, but for a first granting of such petition concerning a  
39 requester, not to exceed one year, and for a second or subsequent  
40 granting of such petition concerning a requester, not to exceed three  
41 years. Any party aggrieved by the commission's granting of such  
42 petition may apply to the superior court for the judicial district in which  
43 the public agency is located, not later than fifteen days after the  
44 commission meeting at which such petition was granted, for an order  
45 reversing the commission's decision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	October 1, 2026	1-206(b)(6)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To include harassing and threatening conduct that occurred outside of a request for public records under the Freedom of Information Act when finding a person to be a vexatious requester and to permit a longer period of relief from requests from such vexatious requester for a second or subsequent granting of a petition.

*[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.]*