



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 397

File No. 399

Cal. No. 455

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY."**

1 Strike subsection (a) of section 1 in its entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(a) Every person, including a federal or state officer or employee
4 who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage,
5 of the United States or the state of Connecticut, unlawfully subjects, or
6 causes to be subjected, any citizen of this state or other person within
7 the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or
8 immunities secured by the United States Constitution, shall be liable to
9 the party injured in an action at law or other proper proceeding for
10 redress."

11 Strike subsection (a) of section 2 in its entirety and insert the
12 following in lieu thereof:

13 "(a) The Attorney General may investigate, intervene in or bring a
14 civil or administrative action in the name of the state, seeking injunctive
15 or declaratory relief, damages, and any other relief that may be available
16 under law, whenever any person is or has engaged in a practice or
17 pattern of conduct, or has established a policy, that:

18 (1) Subjects, or causes to be subjected, other persons to the unlawful
19 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the
20 constitutions or laws of this state or the United States; or

21 (2) [Interferes] Unlawfully interferes, or attempts to interfere, by
22 threats, intimidation or coercion, with the lawful exercise or enjoyment
23 by other persons of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the
24 constitutions or laws of this state or the United States."

25 Strike subsection (c) of section 2 in its entirety and insert the following
26 in lieu thereof:

27 "(c) The Attorney General may investigate, intervene in or bring a
28 civil or administrative action in the name of the state, seeking injunctive
29 or declaratory relief, damages and any other relief that may be available
30 under law, whenever any person, acting under color of any statute,
31 ordinance, regulation, custom or usage, of the United States or the state
32 of Connecticut:

33 (1) Unlawfully subjects, or causes to be subjected, other persons to the
34 deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the
35 Constitution of the United States or the state Constitution; or

36 (2) Unlawfully interferes, or attempts to interfere, by physical
37 obstruction, threats, intimidation or coercion, with the lawful exercise
38 or enjoyment by other persons of any rights, privileges or immunities
39 secured by the Constitution of the United States or the state
40 Constitution."

41 Strike subsection (b) of section 7 in its entirety and insert the
42 following in lieu thereof:

43 "(b) No peace officer, as defined in section 51-277a of the general
44 statutes, as amended by this act, shall detain, arrest or otherwise take an
45 individual in a protected area, state facility or municipal facility into
46 custody on the basis of a civil offense, unless (1) such peace officer is
47 acting in the peace officer's official capacity, and (2) the individual to be
48 detained, arrested or otherwise taken into custody is (A) the subject of a
49 judicial warrant, or (B) such peace officer had a good faith belief, at the
50 time of the detention, that such individual was the subject of a criminal
51 investigation."