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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 397

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(As Amended)

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

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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 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section  
42 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

43 "(C) If any person unreasonably restricts the Division of Criminal  
44 Justice or the Inspector General's right to access the scene and collect  
45 evidence as set forth in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the  
46 Division of Criminal Justice or the Inspector General may bring an  
47 action in the Superior Court for injunctive relief against any person who  
48 has committed the violation. Upon filing of the complaint, the court may  
49 order any declaratory or temporary injunctive relief required to make  
50 the complainant whole. The court shall order a hearing to be had upon  
51 such complaint not more than five days after the date of filing the  
52 complaint and the Division of Criminal Justice or the Inspector General  
53 shall cause notice to be given to any interested party of the time and  
54 place for the hearing upon such complaint. A continuance of the hearing  
55 date may be granted upon consent of the parties. The court shall, on the  
56 day fixed for such hearing and without unnecessary delay, proceed to  
57 hear the parties. The court may order, amend or continue any  
58 declaratory or temporary injunctive relief."