

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## Task Force To Examine the Methods to Reduce Costs to Extradite

Chairman Chief State's Attorney Kevin Kane



c/o Judiciary Committee, Room 2500  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

### AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2016]

10:00 A.M. in Room 2B of the LOB

**Attendance:** Kevin Kane, Ryan Barry, Bruce Biel, Andrew “Drew” Bloom, Lt. Col. Warren “Butch” Hyatt; Kevin Lawlor, Judge Eliot Prescott, Andrew “Drew” Tingley, Brian Austin.

**Convene Meeting & Introduction:** Meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m. Chairman Kevin Kane read the emergency procedures and members introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 21 meeting were reviewed. Motion for acceptance of the minutes was made by Judge Prescott and seconded by Lt. Col. Butch Hyatt and unanimously approved.

**Proposal, State’s Attorney Kevin Lawlor** explained the proposal offered by the Division of Criminal Justice:

- Create a funding source to go into an account primarily used for the extradition of individuals.
- The fund would be run similar to the Client Security Fund.
- Law Enforcement would enter all FTA’s into NCIC.
- State Attorneys to set parameters of extradition.

**Proposal, Drew Bloom** explained amendments to the proposal:

- Each bail bond agent/surety agent to pay \$200 into the fund instead of \$100 as originally proposed.
- The account will be adequately funded to not utilize other monies within the DCJ budget or the General Fund.
- Request to change the name to “Criminal Justice Bail Bonds Extradition Account” to precisely reflect the sole use of the fund.
- The fund would ONLY be used for individuals arrested on a felony, out on bail, failed to appear in court and after a warrant was issued.
- Fund would NOT apply to “Promise to Appear” NOT apply to cash bonds, ONLY applicable to bonds/surety.

#### Discussion:

- Concerns the account could be “raided”. Legislation to create a mechanism to avoid this.
- Need to establish costs by region for extradition.
- Account to be fully funded to fund ordinary as well as not-as-frequent extraordinary extraditions.
- Education of bail bond/surety agents, the fee would be another cost of doing business making up for the inadequacies of the current system.
- If fee is not paid, the agent would be subject to license forfeiture.
- Department of Insurance to collect fees.

#### Final Steps:

- Motion made by Kevin Lawlor, seconded by Drew Bloom to approve the amended draft offered by Drew Bloom. Members unanimously approved the proposal subject to technical amendments discussed at the meeting.

- Technical amendments to be voted on on-line.
- Final Report to be submitted by the January 15, 2016 deadline.
- All proposals/final report available on the task force webpage:
- <https://www.cga.ct.gov/jud/taskforce.asp?TF=20150811> Task Force to Examine the Methods to Reduce Costs to Extradite
- Having fulfilled the requirements of the task force, meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.