

857 and a period of special parole pursuant to subsection (b) of section 53a-  
858 28. [of at least five years.]

859 Sec. 18. Subdivision (9) of section 53a-3 of the general statutes is  
860 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
861 *passage*):

862 (9) "Peace officer" means a member of the Division of State Police  
863 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or  
864 an organized local police department, a chief inspector or inspector in  
865 the Division of Criminal Justice, a state marshal while exercising  
866 authority granted under any provision of the general statutes, a  
867 judicial marshal in the performance of the duties of a judicial marshal,  
868 a conservation officer or special conservation officer, as defined in  
869 section 26-5, a constable who performs criminal law enforcement  
870 duties, a special policeman appointed under section 29-18, 29-18a or  
871 29-19, an adult probation officer, an official of the Department of  
872 Correction authorized by the Commissioner of Correction to make  
873 arrests in a correctional institution or facility, any investigator in the  
874 investigations unit of the office of the State Treasurer, a United States  
875 marshal or deputy marshal, any special agent of the federal  
876 government authorized to enforce the provisions of Title 21 of the  
877 United States Code, or a member of a law enforcement unit of the  
878 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of  
879 Connecticut created and governed by a memorandum of agreement  
880 under section 47-65c who is certified as a police officer by the Police  
881 Officer Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections 7-294a to  
882 7-294e, inclusive;

883 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
884 **Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council.**  
885 The Domestic Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council  
886 shall promulgate, review and, as needed, update and amend the  
887 domestic violence offender program standards that were presented to  
888 the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Committee on September 25,  
889 2014.

890 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

891 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
892 who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Coalition Against  
893 Domestic Violence, Inc.;

894 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
895 shall be a representative of a community-based organization that  
896 provides group counseling or treatment to persons who have  
897 committed acts of domestic violence;

898 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
899 Representatives, who shall be a community-based practicing  
900 psychologist or a licensed clinical social worker who provides  
901 individual counseling or treatment services to persons who have  
902 committed acts of domestic violence;

903 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
904 a representative of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association;

905 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
906 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a community-based  
907 organization that provides services to adults with mental health or  
908 substance use disorders;

909 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
910 a representative of a community-based organization that provides  
911 direct services to persons impacted by domestic violence;

912 (7) Two appointed by the Chief Court Administrator, one of whom  
913 shall be a representative of the Court Support Services Division and  
914 one of whom shall be a representative of the Office of Victim Services;

915 (8) The chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Parole, or the  
916 chairperson's designee;

917 (9) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's



918 designee;

919 (10) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's  
920 designee;

921 (11) The Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's designee; and

922 (12) The Commissioners of Children and Families, Mental Health  
923 and Addiction Services, Correction and Public Health, or said  
924 commissioners' designees. DCF DMHAS DOC DPH

925 (c) All appointments to the council shall be made not later than  
926 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
927 filled by the appointing authority.

928 (d) The representative of the Court Support Services Division and  
929 the representative of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic  
930 Violence, Inc. shall serve as the chairpersons of the council. Such  
931 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall  
932 be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.  
933 Thereafter, the council shall meet upon the call of the chairpersons or  
934 upon the call of a majority of the council members.

935 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
936 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to judiciary  
937 shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

938 (f) Not later than February 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the  
939 council shall submit a report on its activities to the joint standing  
940 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
941 relating to judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
942 of the general statutes. The report shall include any updates or  
943 amendments to the domestic violence offender program standards  
944 adopted during the preceding calendar year.

945 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than thirty days after  
946 the effective date of this section, the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory

947 Committee shall submit to the Chief Court Administrator the domestic  
948 violence offender program standards that were presented to said  
949 committee on September 25, 2014. The Chief Court Administrator shall  
950 ensure that such program standards, and any updates or revisions  
951 thereto provided to the Chief Court Administrator by the Domestic  
952 Violence Offender Program Standards Advisory Council, are  
953 accessible electronically on the Internet web site of the Judicial Branch.

954 Sec. 21. Subsection (g) of section 46b-38c of the general statutes is  
955 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
956 *January 1, 2016*):

957 (g) (1) In cases referred to the local family violence intervention unit,  
958 it shall be the function of the unit to [(1)] (A) identify victim service  
959 needs, [and, by contract with victim service providers, make available  
960 appropriate services that include, but are not limited to, the provision  
961 of trauma-informed care by a counselor who provides trauma-  
962 informed care, or a referral to a counselor, and (2) identify appropriate  
963 offender services and where possible, by contract, provide treatment  
964 programs for offenders. For purposes of this subsection, "trauma-  
965 informed care" means trauma-informed care, as defined in subsection  
966 (d) of section 46b-38b.] (B) assess offenders for the purpose of  
967 identifying appropriate services, and (C) monitor compliance with  
968 program requirements by offenders who are allowed to participate in  
969 the pretrial family violence education program described in subsection  
970 (h) of this section.

971 (2) The Judicial Department may contract with victim service  
972 providers to make available, either directly or through referral,  
973 appropriate services that include, but are not limited to, the provision  
974 of trauma-informed care, as defined in subsection (d) of section 46b-  
975 38b.

976 (3) The Judicial Department may contract with service providers to  
977 provide domestic violence offender treatment programs for offenders  
978 referred by the court. Such treatment programs shall comply with the



979 domestic violence offender program standards promulgated under  
980 section 19 of this act. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply  
981 to the pretrial family violence education program described in  
982 subsection (h) of this section.

983       Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) For any family violence  
984 case initiated on or after July 1, 2016, that is not referred to the local  
985 family violence intervention unit as provided in subsection (g) of  
986 section 46b-38c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the  
987 prosecuting authority shall not enter a nolle prosequi as to any charge  
988 of a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a of the general  
989 statutes, unless the prosecuting authority states in open court his or  
990 her reasons for the nolle prosequi and, if the reasons include  
991 consideration of the defendant's participation in a counseling or  
992 treatment program, a representation that such counseling or treatment  
993 program complies with the program standards promulgated under  
994 section 19 of this act.

995       Sec. 23. Section 54-86d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
996 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

997       Any person who has been the victim of a sexual assault under  
998 section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or injury or  
999 risk of injury, or impairing of morals under section 53-21, or of an  
1000 attempt thereof, or family violence, as defined in section 46b-38a, shall  
1001 not be required to divulge his or her address or telephone number  
1002 during any trial or pretrial evidentiary hearing arising from the sexual  
1003 assault or injury or risk of injury to, or impairing of morals of, children,  
1004 or family violence; provided the judge presiding over such legal  
1005 proceeding shall find: (1) Such information is not material to the  
1006 proceeding, (2) the identity of the victim has been satisfactorily  
1007 established, and (3) the current address of the victim will be made  
1008 available to the defense in the same manner and time as such  
1009 information is made available to the defense for other criminal  
1010 offenses.