

Legislative Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 2012
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
Legislative Office Building, Room 1C
Hartford, CT

Members In Attendance: *Hon. David Borden (Committee Chair), Mike Lawlor (Commission Vice Chair), Kevin Kane, Gary Roberge (Representing Bill Carbone), Deborah Del Prete Sullivan (Representing Susan Storey)*

Also Participating: *Andrew Clark, Jason DePatie, Sarah White*

MINUTES

I. MEETING CONVENED

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

The amended minutes were **approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

III. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

A – Certificates of Rehabilitation

The bill retains many of the provisions from SB 453. Suitability was clarified by determining that the certificates would establish a “presumption of rehabilitation.” Another change was liability protection for employers who hire ex-offenders with certificates.

B – Drug-Free School Zones

The working group has not reached consensus this proposal. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2012.

C – Miller v. Alabama

The Miller Working Group was charged with determining what approach to recommend for complying with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Miller v. Alabama, which held that mandatory sentences of life without the possibility of parole are unconstitutional for juvenile offenders. The Court held that, in sentencing those under the age of eighteen to long, life-equivalent sentences, the unique qualities of youth must be taken into consideration.

IV. REQUEST TO REVIEW CONNETICUT'S ARSON MURDER STATUTE

This request was referred to the Classification Working Group.

V. BILLS ON FILE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

A – Bill adding judiciary Co-Chairs to the Commission's membership

This bill was drafted by the Legislative Commissioners' Office.

B - Bill addressing kidnapping and sexual assault statutes

This bill will be resubmitted for the 2013 Legislative Session.

VI. BILLS/CONCEPTS RECOMMENDED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The bills described in item V will be presented at the hearing.

VII. OTHER BUSINSS

No other business was discussed.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.