

**CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**No. 2015-7**

**Proposed Resolution Regarding a Study of Connecticut's Diversionary Programs**

**Resolution**

1 **RESOLVED**, That the Connecticut Sentencing Commission study Connecticut's  
2 diversionary programs, their efficacy and cost effectiveness.  
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## **Report**

On November 5, 2015, Governor Dannel Malloy wrote a letter to the Connecticut Sentencing Commission requesting a study of Connecticut's existing jail diversionary programs.

The Governor asked the Commission to examine "how these programs are meeting the needs of the state and its citizens." The Governor noted that he has heard concerns from prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys and victims that the variety of diversionary programs available in Connecticut is confusing, that these programs have become automatic, resulting in offenders being shifted from one program to another without a case-by-case analysis of their situation, and may postpone the time by which an individual defendant's needs are addressed in a comprehensive way.

The Commission was asked to assess the scope of the diversionary programs and to determine how effective those programs are. The Sentencing Commission plans to complete this study within a year with possible recommendations before the 2017 legislative session. This resolution serves as an acceptance of the governor's request along with a formal commitment to examine and analyze Connecticut's diversionary programs.