



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5631***

LCO No. 3041



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO  
VICTIM NOTIFICATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) Whenever a defendant  
2 convicted of one or more crimes receives a definite sentence of more  
3 than a two-year term of imprisonment, or a total effective sentence of  
4 more than a two-year term of imprisonment, the court shall, at  
5 sentencing, indicate: (1) The maximum period of imprisonment that  
6 may apply to the defendant; (2) whether the defendant may be eligible  
7 to earn risk reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e of the general  
8 statutes; and (3) whether the defendant may be eligible to apply for  
9 release on parole pursuant to section 54-125a of the general statutes.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 54-91c of the general statutes is  
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
12 *October 1, 2016*):

13 (d) Upon the request of a victim, prior to the acceptance by the court

14 of a plea of a defendant pursuant to a proposed plea agreement, the  
 15 state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's  
 16 attorney in charge of the case shall provide such victim with the terms  
 17 of such proposed plea agreement in writing. If the terms of the  
 18 proposed plea agreement provide for a term of imprisonment which is  
 19 more than two years, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or  
 20 deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall indicate: (1)  
 21 The maximum period of imprisonment that may apply to the  
 22 defendant; (2) whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk  
 23 reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e; and (3) whether the  
 24 defendant may be eligible to apply for release on parole pursuant to  
 25 section 54-125a.

26 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The Department of  
 27 Correction shall make publically available general offender sentencing  
 28 information. Such information shall include: (1) The inmate release  
 29 mechanisms under the authority of the department; (2) information on  
 30 presentence confinement credit and application pursuant to section 18-  
 31 98d of the general statutes; (3) information on the eligibility and  
 32 application of risk reduction credits earned pursuant to section 18-98e  
 33 of the general statutes; (4) the standards for eligibility for parole; (5)  
 34 the state-wide automated victim information and notification system  
 35 established under section 54-235 of the general statutes; and (6) any  
 36 other information the Commissioner of Correction deems pertinent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	54-91c(d)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To enact the recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission concerning victim notification.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*