



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SENTENCING COMMISSION

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**SENTENCING COMMISSION TO EXAMINE DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS,
BAIL REFORM**

(HARTFORD, CT)-At the request of Governor Dannel P. Malloy, the Connecticut Sentencing Commission has agreed to examine Connecticut's current bail bond system and diversionary programs. The Commission resolved to examine both of these issues at its meeting today at the State Capitol.

In a November 5th letter, the Governor requested that the Commission review the state's bail bond system and the possibility for reform along with the state's numerous diversionary programs, their efficacy and cost effectiveness. The Governor asked the Commission to focus on the non-violent, low level pretrial population.

"The Governor's request provides an excellent opportunity for Connecticut to thoroughly and thoughtfully examine the current state of its pretrial justice system," Executive Director Alex Tsarkov said. "The Sentencing Commission is ideally positioned to examine these issues given its broad membership representing all the major criminal justices agencies in the state," said Mr. Tsarkov.

The Commission plans to work with the National Institute of Corrections, an agency within the U.S. Department of Justice to examine Connecticut's bail bond system. Additionally, as part of its analysis of diversionary programs, the Commission will collaborate with the Results First Initiative, a project, administered by Central Connecticut State University's Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP).

The Commission estimates that it will complete these studies within a year and provide recommendations to the legislature before the 2017 legislative session.

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