



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**SENTENCING COMMISSION**

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**“An Act Concerning Pretrial Justice Reform” Passed by the General Assembly**

(Hartford, CT) – On Tuesday, June 6, 2017, the state Senate passed HB 7044, An Act Concerning Pretrial Justice Reform based upon the study and recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission. The state House of Representatives previously passed the bill on June 3, 2017. It will be transmitted to Governor Dannel Malloy’s desk for his signature. The legislation is the product of combining two proposals from the Sentencing Commission and the Governor.

On February 7, 2017, following a comprehensive, year-long evaluation of Connecticut’s pretrial justice system, conducted at the Governor’s request, the Commission released its report that included recommendations for improvements to the state’s system of pretrial release and detention. The report reflected the knowledge, insight, experience and contributions of a broad range of policymakers, practitioners, stakeholders and researchers. The report is available on the Commission’s website, [www.ct.gov/ctsc](http://www.ct.gov/ctsc).

The Commission continues to study pretrial release policies in Connecticut and will closely monitor the impact of this legislation. The goal of the Commission’s recommendations has been more effective, fair and equitable pretrial release and detention outcomes that minimize disparities and achieve the benefits of reduced recidivism and enhanced public safety that come from evidence-based practices.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.ct.gov/ctsc](http://www.ct.gov/ctsc).

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