

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5313 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A
PLAN FOR THE USE OF UNIFORM STATE-WIDE CASE IDENTIFICATION

Title: CODES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES.

Vote Date: 3/23/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/2/2026

File No.:

***Disclaimer:** The following JOINT FAVORABLE Report is prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and does not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose.*

SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

CO-SPONSORS:

Rep. Raghiv Allie-Brennan, 2nd Dist.

Rep. Tammy Nuccio, 53rd Dist.

Rep. Kerry S. Wood, 29th Dist.

Rep. Maryam Khan, 5th Dist.

Rep. Tom Delnicki, 14th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill improves how domestic violence cases are identified and tracked for reporting and oversight purposes, so the state can consistently follow cases from arrest through disposition and sentencing. This bill results from the Sentencing Commission subcommittee that was created in 2024 to study sentencing and outcomes in domestic-violence-related homicides.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language clarifies that the bill is focused on criminal cases, not civil cases, and requires the Judicial Branch, DESPP, CJIS, and DCJ to develop a plan for implementation with a July 1, 2027 due date.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Judicial Branch, External Affairs Division: The Judicial branch has concerns with the bill as drafted as it will have an impact on "electronic data systems" used by various entities and likely result in fiscal and resource implications. It is unclear as to who would be responsible for setting the flag and don't believe that it should be left up to the clerk to decide. They believe that the goal of the bill is laudable but request more time to produce it.

Natasha Pierre (Esq.), State Victim Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate: Natasha Pierre supports this legislation because uniformity in classifying domestic violence cases will eventually provide better consistency in data collection and reporting. The bill will assist in the planning, preparation, evaluation, and response to crimes of family violence throughout the courts, law enforcement and community services.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Raghib Allie-Brennan, State Representative, State of Connecticut: Representative Allie-Brennan supports this legislation because it directs relevant state agencies to develop a uniform statewide case identification system to consistently track domestic violence cases across the criminal justice process. This proposal is focused on improving transparency, reporting, and oversight, which provides facts and allows for better policy decisions.

Michele Voight, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Violent Crime Survivors: Michele Voight supports this legislation because she believes that it builds the infrastructure necessary for transparency. Uniform statewide case identification codes will allow Connecticut to consistently tag and follow domestic violence cases from incident and arrest through prosecution, sentencing, incarceration, parole, and supervision. This will ensure that no life taken at the hands of a partner is treated as less valuable than another. She offers examples of formal tagging mechanisms of other states.

Meghan Scanlon, CEO, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence: Meghan Scanlon supports this legislation because policy development is always strongest when it is rooted in comprehensive and accurate data. She explained that any data collected, or statewide case identification processes developed will respect victim confidentiality and not violate any state or federal laws designed to protect confidentiality. She looks forward to participating in this work.

Carrie Delaney: Carrie Delaney supports this legislation because it will develop and implement uniform statewide case identification codes for domestic violence cases. Consistent and reliable data will allow identifying disparities, patterns, and areas for improvement. It ensures transparency, accountability, and the ability to evaluate whether outcomes are consistent and fair across jurisdictions. She shares the loss of her niece as testimony.

Sharon Delaney: Sharon Delaney supports this legislation for the same reason as Carrie Delaney.

Greg Henry: Greg Henry supports this legislation for the same reason as Carrie and Sharon Delaney above. He believes that consistently tagging and tracking intimate partner violence

cases provides lawmakers, advocates, and the public to see the full trajectory of these cases from arrest to outcome.

Tom Lawlor: Tom Lawlor supports this legislation because it will build a system that measures itself, holds itself accountable, and honors every victim equally. He believes that families that suffer the loss of a loved one from a violent crime deserve to know that their children's lives carry the same weight as anyone else's.

Robin Delaney: Robin Delaney supports this legislation because surviving families who bear the emotional and lifelong harm of intimate partner violence deserve something more than procedural formalities. They deserve to know that the life of their loved one mattered just as much as every other life. Uniform statewide case identification codes are foundational to that equity. Reliable data will offer families a form of recognition that the justice system sees every victim.

Jenn Lawlor: Jenn Lawlor supports this legislation because it will allow Connecticut to build a system that will hold itself accountable. She believes that this bill is about visibility and ensuring that domestic violence cases are consistently identified and tracked across our state's systems so that outcomes can be measured honestly and transparently.

Michele May, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist: Michele May supports this legislation because this bill's mandate for the Chief Court Administrator to devise and execute a unified coding plan resonates with evidence-based therapeutic principles, enabling data sharing across courts, enhanced monitoring of abusers and data-driven policies that prioritize victim safety. It aligns with our governance, accountability, and protection of the vulnerable from domestic tyranny.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous 37 and Anonymous 40: This testimony was submitted without attrition in opposition to this legislation because they believe that time would be better spent on affordability issues rather than administrative fixes.

Reported by: Jacqueline Olsen

Date: April 2, 2026