

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-504 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAWS OF

Title: THIS STATE.

Vote Date: 3/30/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/18/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This is a Judiciary Committee contingency reserve bill to study the criminal procedure laws in Connecticut.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Office of the Chief Public Defender:

Attorney Sullivan submitted testimony on behalf of the Office of the Chief Public Defender in support of the bill. However, she requested that the OCPD serve as a member of the working group, citing their experience in the law, work with the Connecticut Innocence Project, and their work representing juveniles and indigent adults.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Daniel Erwin, President, Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (CCDLA):

Mr. Erwin submitted testimony in support of the bill, citing the testimony of the OCPD. He requested that CCDLA receive a membership on the working group, citing their broad scope of experience in the law. He also supports the additional laws that the OCPD would like included in the working group's focus.

Jess Zaccagnino, Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (ACLU-CT):

Ms. Zaccagnino submitted testimony in support of the bill. She wrote that the ACLU-CT believes reviewing and removing certain laws is an important step in ending mass incarceration and eliminating systemic racism in the criminal legal system. She also

suggested that the language of this bill be amended to include that formerly incarcerated people are represented in the membership of the working group.

Anonymous 771: Testimony submitted without attribution simply expressed support of the bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Catherine M. Thomas

Date: April 7, 2026