

# Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-505 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE LAWS OF THIS STATE

**Title:** CONCERNING ISSUES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

**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 bill to study the criminal justice laws in Connecticut.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Office of Chief Public Defender:** They testified in support of SB 505, recommending that the Chief Public Defender be included in the working group studying criminal justice laws. They emphasized the agency's unique experience and recommended that the study specifically examine laws related to operating under the influence, ignition interlock device requirements, commercial driver's licenses, and jail credit policies, including consideration of day-for-day credit across dockets.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Jess Zaccagnino, Policy Counsel, ACLU-CT:** She testified in support of SB 505, emphasizing the need to study Connecticut's criminal justice laws to identify and address duplicative, excessive, or outdated statutes contributing to overcriminalization and mass incarceration. She recommended that formerly incarcerated individuals be included in any review process to ensure lived experience informs policy development and statutory reform.

**Anonymous 771:** They testified in support of SB 505.

**Daniel Erwin, President, Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association:** He testified in support of SB 505, aligning with the Office of the Chief Public Defender's rationale

for studying Connecticut's criminal laws. He emphasized the value of defense attorneys' statewide experience and recommended inclusion of CCDLA in any working group to provide insight on issues affecting defendants, including those near eligibility thresholds for public defense and complexities such as jail credit.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by:** Trevor Ellis

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