



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5338

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCOUNTABILITY IN DELINQUENCY
MATTERS INVOLVING THE MOST SERIOUS JUVENILE OFFENDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 815t of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Expand
2 the circumstances in which a juvenile is automatically transferred to the
3 regular criminal docket, including commission of a serious juvenile
4 offense; (2) reduce the age of eligibility for automatic transfer to thirteen
5 if the offense charged is a class A or class B felony that constitutes
6 murder, violent sexual assault or a violent crime involving a firearm; (3)
7 require mandatory fingerprinting of a juvenile arrested for a felony,
8 class A misdemeanor or any charge resulting from loss of life or serious
9 physical injury, sexual assault or an offense involving the use of a
10 firearm; (4) allow courts to find that releasing a juvenile offender to a
11 parent or guardian who has no control over the juvenile to not be
12 "reasonably likely to be effective"; (5) require delinquency proceedings
13 involving juveniles charged with crimes of violence, larceny of a motor

14 vehicle, sexual offenses or crimes involving the use of a firearm to be
15 adjudicated in the geographical area where the offense occurred; (6)
16 give the court flexibility to order family support services interventions
17 at the time of arraignment; and (7) permit judges to order the
18 Department of Children and Families to investigate the family
19 circumstances of a juvenile charged with an offense resulting from loss
20 of life or serious physical injury, a sexual assault, a serious juvenile
21 offense or an offense involving the use of a firearm.

Statement of Purpose:

To promote public safety by creating accountability in delinquency matters involving the most serious juvenile offenders.