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Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBED DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM GOVERNING BOARD AND THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY SAID BOARD.

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

1 Section 1. Section 54-142q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) As used in this section, (1) "governing board" means the Criminal
4 Justice Information System Governing Board established in this section,
5 (2) "offender-based tracking system" means an information system that
6 enables, as determined by the governing board and subject to this
7 chapter, criminal justice agencies, as defined in subsection (b) of section
8 54-142g, the Division of Public Defender Services and the Office of the
9 Federal Public Defender to share criminal history record information, as
10 defined in subsection (a) of section 54-142g, and to access electronically
11 maintained offender and case data involving felonies, misdemeanors,
12 violations, motor vehicle violations, motor vehicle offenses for which a
13 sentence to a term of imprisonment may be imposed, and infractions,
14 and (3) "criminal justice information systems" means the information

15 systems designed and implemented pursuant to section 54-142s, as
16 amended by this act.

17 (b) There shall be a Criminal Justice Information System Governing
18 Board which shall be within the Department of Emergency Services and
19 Public Protection for administrative purposes only and shall oversee
20 criminal justice information systems.

21 (c) The governing board shall be composed of the Chief Court
22 Administrator, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
23 Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
24 Commissioner of Correction, the chairperson of the Board of Pardons
25 and Paroles, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
26 Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Victim Advocate, the
27 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the chairpersons and ranking
28 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on
29 judiciary and the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association.
30 The Chief Court Administrator and a person appointed by the Governor
31 from among the membership shall serve as cochairpersons. Each
32 member of the governing board may appoint a designee who shall have
33 the same powers as such member.

34 (d) The governing board shall meet at least once during each calendar
35 quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary. A
36 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
37 business.

38 (e) The governing board shall hire an executive director [of the board
39 who shall not be a member of the board and who shall serve at the
40 pleasure of the board. The executive director shall be qualified by
41 education, training or experience to oversee the design and
42 implementation of a comprehensive, state-wide information technology
43 system for the sharing of criminal justice information as provided in
44 section 54-142s. The Department of Emergency Services and Public
45 Protection shall provide office space and such staff, supplies and

46 services as necessary for the executive director to properly carry out his
47 or her duties under this subsection.] of the Criminal Justice Information
48 System Governing Board, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board
49 and not be a member of the board. The executive director shall:

50 (1) Act on behalf of the board, implementing its policies, directives
51 and decisions, and not undertake actions independent of the board's
52 direction;

53 (2) Have the authority to implement the policies, directives and rules
54 of the governing board, as well as any additional responsibilities as
55 prescribed by the board;

56 (3) Be qualified by education, training or experience to oversee the
57 design, implementation and administration of a comprehensive, state-
58 wide information technology system for the sharing of criminal justice
59 information pursuant to section 54-142s, as amended by this act;

60 (4) Foster interagency collaboration and coordination among the
61 criminal justice agencies represented on the governing board to ensure
62 the efficient operation and integration of criminal justice information
63 systems;

64 (5) Balance centralized oversight with the autonomy and operational
65 needs of individual agencies while ensuring compliance with
66 established policies and standards;

67 (6) Facilitate the development and implementation of interoperability
68 and data security standards to support the seamless exchange of
69 information between criminal justice agencies; and

70 (7) Appoint a designee, when authorized by statute, to serve on
71 commissions, foundations or committees requiring participation by the
72 executive director and authorize such designee to vote on behalf of the
73 executive director during meetings of such commissions, foundations or
74 committees.

75 (f) The executive director may employ staff as deemed necessary,
76 including, but not limited to, temporary consultants, to carry out the
77 duties and responsibilities of the position. The governing board shall
78 establish prescribed duties and determine the priorities for the executive
79 director and associated staff. The Department of Emergency Services
80 and Public Protection shall provide office space and such staff, supplies
81 and services as necessary for the executive director to properly carry out
82 his or her duties under this section.

83 [(f)] (g) The governing board shall develop plans, maintain policies
84 and provide direction for the efficient operation and integration of
85 criminal justice information systems, whether such systems service a
86 single agency or multiple agencies. The governing board shall establish
87 standards and procedures for use by agencies to assure the
88 interoperability of such systems, authorized access to such systems and
89 the security of such systems.

90 [(g)] (h) In addition to the requirements of subsection [(f)] (g) of this
91 section, the duties and responsibilities of the governing board shall be
92 to: (1) Oversee the operations and administration of criminal justice
93 information systems; (2) establish such permanent and ad hoc
94 committees as it deems necessary, with appointments to such
95 committees not restricted to criminal justice agencies; (3) recommend
96 any legislation necessary for implementation, operation and
97 maintenance of criminal justice information systems; (4) establish and
98 implement policies and procedures to meet the system-wide objectives,
99 including the provision of appropriate controls for data access and
100 security; and (5) perform all necessary functions to facilitate the
101 coordination and integration of criminal justice information systems.

102 [(h)] (i) A member of the governing board, a member of a permanent
103 or an ad hoc committee established by the governing board, and any
104 person operating and administering the criminal justice information
105 system shall be deemed to be "state officers and employees" for the
106 purposes of chapter 53 and section 5-141d.

107 [(i)] (j) Information that may be accessed by the Division of Public
108 Defender Services or the Office of the Federal Public Defender pursuant
109 to subsection (a) of this section shall be limited to: (1) Conviction
110 information, as defined in subsection (c) of section 54-142g, (2)
111 information that is otherwise available to the public, and (3)
112 information, including nonconviction information, concerning a client
113 whom the division has been appointed by the court to represent and is
114 representing at the time of the request for access to such information.

115 Sec. 2. Section 54-142s of the general statutes is repealed and the
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

117 (a) The Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board shall
118 design and implement a comprehensive, state-wide information
119 technology system to facilitate the immediate, seamless and
120 comprehensive sharing of information between all state agencies,
121 departments, boards and commissions having any cognizance over
122 matters relating to law enforcement and criminal justice, and organized
123 local police departments and law enforcement officials.

124 (b) Such information technology system shall include, without
125 limitation, a central tracking and information database, a central
126 electronic document repository and centralized analytical tools, as
127 provided in subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, all of which
128 shall be developed with state-of-the-art technology, as provided in
129 subsection (f) of this section, and such other components or elements as
130 are determined to be appropriate or necessary by the board after
131 development of a plan for the design and implementation of such
132 system.

133 (c) Such information technology system shall include a central,
134 integrated criminal justice tracking and information database that
135 provides:

136 (1) Complete biographical information and vital statistics for all
137 offenders and former offenders still living; [and]

138 (2) Tracking information for all offenders in the criminal justice
139 system, from investigation through incarceration and release, and
140 seamless integration with any electronic monitoring systems, global
141 positioning systems and any offender registries; and

142 (3) Any other relevant information collected, managed or maintained
143 by an entity having cognizance over matters relating to law enforcement
144 and criminal justice.

145 (d) Such information technology system shall include a central,
146 integrated electronic repository of criminal justice records and
147 documents that provides:

148 (1) Access to all state and local police reports, presentence
149 investigations and reports, psychological and medical reports, criminal
150 records, incarceration and parole records, and court records and
151 transcripts, whether such records and documents normally exist in
152 electronic or hard copy form; and

153 (2) Access to scanning and processing facilities to ensure that such
154 records and documents are integrated into the system and updated
155 immediately.

156 (e) Such information technology system shall include centralized
157 analytical tools, bundled together in a custom-designed enterprise
158 system that includes:

159 (1) Analytical tools that empower and enhance criminal case
160 assessment, sentencing and plea agreement analysis and pardon, parole,
161 probation and release decisions;

162 (2) Analytical tools that empower and enhance forecasting
163 concerning recidivism and future offenses for each individual offender;
164 and

165 (3) Collaborative functionality that enables seamless cross-
166 department communication, information exchange, central note-taking

167 and comment capabilities for each offender.

168 (f) Such information technology system shall be developed with
169 state-of-the-art relational database technology and other appropriate
170 software applications and hardware, and shall be:

171 (1) Completely accessible by any authorized criminal justice official
172 through the Internet;

173 (2) Completely integrated with the state police, organized local police
174 departments, law enforcement agencies and such other agencies and
175 organizations as the governing board deems necessary and appropriate,
176 and their information systems and database applications;

177 (3) Indexed and cross-referenced by offender name, residence,
178 community, criminal offense and any other data points necessary for the
179 effective administration of the state's criminal justice system;

180 (4) Fully text searchable for all records;

181 (5) Secure and protected by high-level security and controls;

182 (6) Accessible to the public subject to appropriate privacy protections
183 and controls; and

184 (7) Monitored and administered by the Criminal Justice Information
185 Systems Governing Board, with the assistance of the Department of
186 Administrative Services, provided major software and hardware needs
187 may be provided and serviced by private, third-party vendors.

188 (g) Any third-party vendor or contractor of criminal justice-related
189 record management systems, assisting in the design and
190 implementation of the state-wide information technology system
191 pursuant to this section, that requires access to criminal history record
192 information maintained on the state's criminal justice information
193 technology system shall, prior to being allowed to access such
194 information, obtain written approval from the Criminal Justice

195 Information System Governing Board to access such information in the
196 manner prescribed by said board. Any contract, subcontract or
197 amendment to a contract or subcontract entered into by the Criminal
198 Justice Information System Governing Board and a third-party vendor
199 or contractor concerning criminal justice-related record management
200 systems shall include specifications established by said board that
201 ensure that all policies, procedures, processes and control systems,
202 including hardware, software and protocols that are provided by the
203 third-party vendor or contractor are compatible with, and support, the
204 state's criminal justice information technology system.

205 (h) Not later than January first, annually, the Criminal Justice
206 Information System Governing Board shall report, in accordance with
207 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
208 having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and
209 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning the status
210 of the design and implementation of such information technology
211 system. In conjunction with the report, the board shall also make a
212 presentation to said committees during the ensuing regular session
213 concerning the status of the design and implementation of such
214 information technology system and a specific itemization of the
215 additional resources, if any, that are needed to achieve such design and
216 implementation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	54-142q
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	54-142s

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Specify the duties of the executive director of the Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board, and (2) clarify that the criminal justice information technology system should not be restricted to sharing only offender-based data.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]