

HB 5563 -- Redline

File No. 527 to Chaptered -- AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROPOSALS, CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR AIRPORTS, HELIPORTS, VERTIPOINTS, RESTRICTED LANDING AREAS AND OTHER AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES, POLICE COLLABORATION WITH SOCIAL WORKERS, SURVEILLANCE PRICING, EDUCATION COST SHARING AND WITHHOLDING OF TAXES FROM LUMP SUM PAYMENTS.

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~~527~~ 5563 ~~February~~ Public Session, Act 2026 House Bill No.

~~5563~~ 26-130 ~~House~~ AN of ACT Representatives, CONCERNING ~~April~~ VARIOUS ~~8,~~ CRIMINAL ~~2026~~ LAW ~~The~~ AND ~~Committee~~ CRIMINAL on JUSTICE Judiciary PROPOSALS, ~~reported~~ CERTIFICATES through ~~OF REP.~~ APPROVAL FOR AIRPORTS, HELIPORTS, VERTIPOINTS, RESTRICTED LANDING AREAS AND OTHER AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES, POLICE COLLABORATION WITH SOCIAL WORKERS, SURVEILLANCE PRICING, EDUCATION COST SHARING AND WITHHOLDING OF TAXES FROM LUMP SUM PAYMENTS.

~~STAFSTROM of the 120th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.~~

~~AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW PROPOSALS.~~

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~~527~~ 5563 ~~1(b) HB5563 Any File person No. who, for financial gain and in conjunction with one or more other persons, commits larceny by shoplifting, as defined in section 53a-119, as amended by this act, of retail property having an aggregate value exceeding two thousand dollars and (1) wrongfully takes such property during a period of [one hundred eighty] three hundred sixty-five days, or (2) sells, delivers or otherwise transfers such property to a retail property fence, shall have committed the offense of organized retail theft.~~

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A person commits larceny when, with intent to deprive another of property or to appropriate the same to [himself] such person or a third ~~person, Public~~ [he] Act ~~such No. person wrongfully takes, obtains or withholds such property from an owner.~~

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5563 person, [he] such person wrongfully takes, obtains or withholds such property from an owner.

A person commits embezzlement when [he] such ~~HB5563 person~~ wrongfully File ~~appropriates No. to [himself] such person's self or to another property of another in [his] such person's care or custody.~~

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A person obtains property by extortion when [he] an actor compels or induces another person to deliver such property to [himself] such actor or a third person by means of instilling in [him] the ~~other~~ Public person Act a No. ~~fear that, if the property is not so delivered, the actor or another will.~~

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5563 other person a fear that, if the property is not so delivered, the actor or another will:

or (F) cause a strike, ~~HB5563 boycott~~ /or File other No. ~~collective labor group action injurious to some person's business;~~

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~~527 boycott or other collective labor group action injurious to some person's business;~~

(A) With intent to avoid payment for restaurant services rendered, or for services rendered to [him] such person as a transient guest at a hotel, motel, inn, tourist cabin, rooming house or comparable establishment, ~~[he] Public such Act person No. avoids such payment by unjustifiable failure or refusal to pay, by stealth, or by any misrepresentation of fact which [he] such person knows to be false;~~

~~or~~ 26-130 (B) 4 (i) except as provided in section 13b-38i, with intent to obtain railroad, subway, bus, air, taxi or any other public transportation service without payment of the 32 lawful House charge Bill ~~therefor or to avoid payment of the lawful charge for such transportation service which has been rendered to [him, he] such person who obtains such service or avoids payment therefor by force, intimidation, stealth, deception or mechanical tampering, or by unjustifiable failure or refusal to pay, or (ii) with intent to obtain the use of equipment, including a~~ HB5563 / File No.

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A person who accepts or receives the use or benefit of a public utility commodity which customarily passes through a meter, knowing such commodity (A) has been diverted therefrom, (B) has not been correctly ~~registered, Public or Act (C) No.~~has not been registered at all by a meter, is guilty of larceny by receiving stolen property.

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5563 registered, or (C) has not been registered at all by a meter, is guilty of larceny by receiving stolen property.

~~HB5563~~(10) Conversion File of No. ~~a motor vehicle.~~

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~~527 (10) Conversion of a motor vehicle.~~

(11) Obtaining property through fraudulent use of an automated ~~teller~~Public machine. ~~Act No.~~

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5563 teller machine.

For the purposes of this subsection, "automated teller machine" means an unmanned device at which banking transactions including, without limitation, deposits, ~~HB5563~~withdrawals, advances, File payments ~~No. and transfers may be conducted, and includes, without limitation, a satellite device and point of sale terminal as defined in section 36a-2.~~

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The term "book or other archival library materials" includes any book, plate, picture, photograph, engraving, painting, drawing, map, manuscript, document, letter, public record, microform, sound recording, audiovisual material in any format, magnetic or other tape, electronic ~~data-processing~~Public record, Act artifact ~~No. or other documentary, written or printed material regardless of physical form or characteristics, or any part thereof, belonging to, on loan to, or otherwise in the custody of a library facility.~~

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5563 data-processing record, artifact or other documentary, written or printed material regardless of physical form or characteristics, or any part thereof, belonging to, on loan to, or otherwise in the custody of a library facility.

(A) A person is guilty of conversion of leased personal property who, with the intent of converting the same to [his] such person's own use or that of a third person, after renting or leasing such property under an agreement in writing which provides for the return of such property to a particular place at a particular time, sells, conveys, conceals or aids in concealing such property or any part thereof, and who thereafter fails to return such property to the agreed place or to any other place of business of the lessor within one hundred ninety-two hours after the lessor shall have sent a written demand to [him] such person for the return of the property by registered or certified mail addressed to [him at his] such person at such person's address as shown in the written agreement, ~~HB5563~~unless a File more No. recent address is known to the lessor.

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(D) "Leased personal property", as used in this subdivision, means any personal property received pursuant ~~Public to Act a~~No. ~~written contract, by which one owning such property, the lessor, grants to another, the lessee, the right to possess, use and enjoy such personal property for a specified period of time for a specified sum, but does not include personal property that is rented or leased pursuant to chapter 743i.~~

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(A) By deception or threat or by false token, slug or other means including, but not limited to, electronic or mechanical device or unauthorized use of a confidential identification or authorization code or through fraudulent statements, to avoid payment for the service by [himself] ~~HB5563 such a person~~ File or No. another person;

~~527 or 8(B) HB5563 by File tampering No. or making connection with or disconnecting the meter, pipe, cable, conduit, conductor, attachment or other equipment or by manufacturing, modifying, altering, programming, reprogramming or possessing any device, software or equipment or part or component thereof or by disguising the identity or identification numbers of any device or equipment utilized by a supplier of electric, gas, water, telecommunications, wireless radio communications or community antennatelevision service, without the consent of such supplier, in order to avoid payment for the service by [himself] such person or another person;~~

~~527 or (C) with intent to avoid payment by [himself] such person or another Public person; Act No. or 26-130 (B) 9 by tampering or making connection with or disconnecting the meter, pipe, cable, conduit, conductor, attachment or other equipment or by manufacturing, modifying, altering, programming, reprogramming or possessing any device, software or equipment or part or component thereof or by disguising the identity or identification numbers of any 32 device House or Bill equipment No. utilized by a supplier of electric, gas, water, telecommunications, wireless radio communications or community antennatelevision service, without the consent of such supplier, in order to avoid payment for the service by [himself] such person or another person;~~

~~or 5563 (C) with intent to avoid payment by [himself] such person or another person for a prospective or already rendered service the charge or compensation for which is measured by a meter or other mechanical measuring device provided by the supplier of the service, by tampering with such meter or device or by attempting in any manner to prevent such meter or device from performing its measuring function, without the consent of the supplier of the service.~~

A person is guilty of air bag fraud when such ~~HB5563 person, with File intent No. to defraud another person, obtains property from such other person or a third person by knowingly selling, installing or reinstalling any object, including any counterfeit air bag or nonfunctional air bag, as such terms are defined in section 14-106d, in lieu of an air bag that was designed in accordance with federal safety requirements as provided in 49 CFR 571.208, as amended, and which is proper for the make, model and year of the vehicle, as part of the vehicle inflatable restraint system.~~

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5563 (17) Theft of motor fuel.

(ii) alters or tampers with a gift ~~card; card or its packaging;~~

or (iii) devises a scheme to obtain a gift card or gift card information from a cardholder, card issuer or gift card seller by means ~~HB5563 of a false File or No. fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises.~~

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~~527 of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations or promises.~~

(iii) "closed-loop gift card" means a ~~card, Public code Act or No. device that is (I) issued to a consumer on a prepaid basis in a specified amount, regardless of whether such amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment, and (II) redeemable for goods, services or anything of value upon presentation by a consumer to a single merchant or group of affiliated merchants;~~

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5563 card, code or device that is (I) issued to a consumer on a prepaid basis in a specified amount, regardless of whether such amount may be increased or reloaded in exchange for payment, and (II) redeemable for goods, services or anything of value upon presentation by a consumer to a single merchant or group of affiliated merchants;

(a) Any person eighteen years of age or older or an emancipated minor who takes possession of goods or merchandise displayed or offered for sale by any mercantile establishment, or who takes from any real property any agricultural produce kept, grown or raised on the property for purposes of sale, without the consent of the owner and with the intention of converting such goods, merchandise or produce to [his] such person's own use without having paid the purchase price thereof, or who alters the price indicia of such goods or merchandise, shall be liable in a

civil action to the owner of the goods, merchandise or produce ~~HB5563~~ for (1) ~~File~~ the actual and reasonable costs of maintaining the action, including court costs and a reasonable attorney's fee, (2) the retail value of the goods, merchandise or produce taken, if not recovered by the time Public Act No.

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~~527~~ 5563 for (1) the actual and reasonable costs of maintaining the action, including court costs and a reasonable attorney's fee, (2) the retail value of the goods, merchandise or produce taken, if not recovered by the time of the commencement of the action or if recovered in an unmerchantable condition, and (3) punitive damages in an amount not to exceed [three hundred] one thousand dollars.

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~~527~~ Section This 13b-46 act of shall the take general effect statutes as is follows repealed and shall amend the following Public sections: Act No.

Section 26-130 ~~113~~ October of ~~1, 32~~ 2026 House ~~53-142k~~ Bill Sec. No.

~~25~~ 563 October following ~~1, is~~ 2026 substituted ~~53a-110~~ in Sec. lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2026):

~~3(a)~~ October The ~~1, executive~~ 2026 director ~~52-564a~~ may Sec. approve airports, heliports, vertiports, restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities.

~~4~~ Any ~~October~~ municipality ~~1, or~~ 2026 person ~~46b-486~~ acquiring JUD property Joint for Favorable the ~~HB5563~~ purpose of ~~File~~ constructing No. or establishing an airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted landing area shall, prior to such acquisition, apply to the executive director for a certificate of approval of the site selected and the general purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, to ensure that the property and its use shall conform to minimum standards of safety and shall serve the public interest.

~~527~~ Any ~~13~~ proposed ~~HB5563~~ airport, ~~File~~ heliport, No. vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be approved by the executive director before it shall be licensed to be used or operated.

~~527~~ The following executive Fiscal director Impact shall Statement make and no Bill charge Analysis are prepared for the approval benefit certificates of the proposed members property of acquisition the General Assembly, solely for purposes airport, of heliport, information, vertiport summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either restricted chamber landing thereof area for purposes. any purpose.

In (b) general, The fiscal executive impacts director may (1) license [airports, heliports, vertiports, restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities] any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area and other air navigation facility at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are based expected up onto a be variety made of by informational aircraft sources, in including any the year, analyst's and professional (2) knowledge, renew such licenses.

Whenever When applicable, a agency certificate data of is approval consulted of as an part airport, of heliport, the vertiport, analysis, [or] however restricted final landing products area door not other necessarily air reflect navigation an facility assessment has from been any issued specific by department, the executive director, the executive director may grant a license for operation and use.

OFA On Fiscal and Note after State [July Impact: 1, 1995] October 1, 2026, the executive director shall charge a fee of [one hundred fifty] three hundred dollars for each license or renewal thereof.

Agency Each Affected such Fund-Effect license FY shall 27 be \$ effective FY for 28a \$ period Correction, of Dept.; three years from the date of issuance.

Judicial Each Dept. licensee shall certify, on a form provided by the executive director, that the licensed facility shall comply with all applicable federal, state Public Act No.

GF 26-130 -14 Potential Minimal Minimal (Probation) Cost Resources of the 32 General House Fund Bill GF No. -- Potential Minimal Minimal Revenue Gain Note:

GF-General 5563 Fund and Municipal local Impact: laws and regulations during the license period.

None Municipalities Explanations shall The be bill exempt (1) from expands the crime payment of organized any retail license theft fee by lengthening the time period within which a person can trigger the dollar threshold and (2) establishes two new larceny crimes as forms, resulting in a connection potential with cost airports to owned the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation operated and by asuch potential municipalities. revenue gain to the General Fund from fines.

On (c) average, The the executive marginal director cost may to (1) the register state any for airport, incarceration heliport, an vertiport, offender restricted for landing the area year or is other \$3,300 air while navigation the facility 1 at average which marginal thirty-six cost or for fewer supervision landings in and the takeoffs community are is expected less to than be \$600 made each by year aircraft for in adults any year, and \$450 (2) each renew year such for registrations. juveniles.

The On Out and Years after The October annualized 1, ongoing 2026, fiscal the impact executive identified director above shall would charge 1 inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g., food, clothing,

water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change fee in of staffing one costs hundred or dollars utility for expenses each because registration these expenses would only be realized if a unit or facility renewal opened, thereof.

2 Probation Each marginal such cost registration is shall based be on effective services for provided a by period private of providers three and years only from includes the costs date that of increase issuance. with each additional participant.

This Each does registrant not shall include certify, on a cost form for provided additional by supervision the by executive a director, probation (A) officer that unless the a registered new facility offense shall is comply anticipated with to all result applicable in federal, enough state additional and offenders local to laws require and additional regulations probation during officers, the registration period, and (B) that there will be thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs by aircraft at such facility in any year during the registration period.

HB5563 Any /airport, File heliport, No-vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be registered with the executive director pursuant to this subsection before it is to be used or operated.

527 Municipalities 14 shall HB5563 be File exempt No- from the payment of any registration fee in connection with airports owned or operated by such municipalities.

527 [(c)] (d) continue No into municipality or officer or employee thereof and no person shall operate an airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility for which approval has not been granted, and a license has not been issued, by the future executive subject director to in accordance with the number provisions of offenses subsection and (b) fines of collected. this section or registration has not been issued by the executive director in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

HB5563 The /provisions File of this section shall not apply to any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility owned by the federal Public Act No.

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527 OLR Bill Analysis HB-5563 AN government ACT within CONCERNING this VARIOUS state. CRIMINAL LAW PROPOSALS. SUMMARY Any This person bill who expands violates the crime provisions of organized this retail subsection theft shall by be lengthening guilty the of time period, from 180 to 365 days, within which a person class must C reach misdemeanor. the crime's \$2,000 threshold.

It [(d)] also (e) specifies Any that heliport a in person operation is prior guilty to of October being 1, an 1985, accessory shall to be organized deemed retail licensed theft for by operation using and certain use online and electronic the tools executive to director receive, shall control, issue and an dispose original license for any such heliport upon the written request of the stolen person property, who controls and operates such heliport.

The Such bill heliports also shall establishes be two subject now to crimes the as provisions forms of this chapter concerning the renewal or revocation of larceny licenses, inspection and review of air navigation facilities and any other provision of this chapter except those concerning the initial approval or licensing of such facilities.

(1) Such fostering heliports shall be subject to any rule or procedure adopted by the sale authority of in stolen accordance property with and the (2) provisions gift of card this crimes, chapter such except as those altering concerning the initial approval or tampering licensing with of any gift air card navigation facility.

The Sec. bill increases the maximum civil liability for punitive damages, from \$300 to \$1,000, for shoplifting certain goods or merchandise from a store or agricultural produce from real property. In 6. cases where the plaintiff loses, the bill eliminates the court's ability to award defendants up to \$300 in damages but continues to allow the court to award them costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

Unrelatedly, Subdivision the (1) bill of adds subsection an (b) authorized of Department section 18-8111 of Children the and general Families statutes, (DCF) as representative amended to by the section existing 2 list of people public and act entities 26-40, that is the repealed Department and of the Public following Health this (DPH) substituted may in give lieu information thereof to (Effective about October an 1, acknowledgement 2026): of parentage.

But (b) the (1) information The may department only shall, be during given the when intake it of any person who is requested incarcerated, for (A) verify directly work with such person any on medication taken by such person, or makes such verification through the State-wide Health Information Exchange, established pursuant to section 17b-59d, the pharmacy used by such person or such person's prescribing health care provider, (B) request that such person provide the name of such person's primary care provider and authorize the sharing of medical information with such provider and a matter designated pending family member or health care proxy by signing a release of information form, and (C) accept from such person any prescription medication such person has in Superior such Court person's possession for juvenile storage matters and possible administration as prescribed to such person, and in accordance with written policies and procedures

established by the ~~child's department parentage to~~ is ensure outstanding patient safety, by appropriate Department of Correction staff.

~~By [as law, prescribed DPH to keeps such a person.] parentage Public registry Act of No. completed acknowledgement of parentage forms. Examples of other to whom the law authorizes release of this information are a court, a federal agency, an authorized representative of the Department of Social Services, or a child support agency.~~

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~~527 7. Lastly, the bill makes technical and conforming changes.~~

~~EFFECTIVE~~ Subsection DATE: (c) of section 18-100j of the general statutes, as amended by section 8 of public act 26-40, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(c) (1) Not later than October 1, 2026 [2027] ORGANIZED 2026, RETAIL the THEFT Departments Currently, of a person commits organized retail theft Correction, when, for Mental financial Health gain, and he Addiction or Services she and works Social with Services at and least the one Office other of person Policy to and shoplift Management retail shall, property within that available has appropriations, an initiate aggregate a value pilot of program more to than assist \$2,000 with discharge planning for patients with chronic disease and (1) behavioral does health it needs, within including a mental specified health time and frame substance abuse disorders, and (2) to sells, coordinate delivers, specialty or care otherwise referrals transfers for it persons to who are retail incarcerated property at fence York Correctional Institution upon release.

ASuch fence program is shall be buyer administered by the health services and behavioral health employees within the Department of retail Correction property and that shall be expand or internal she capacity knows for or discharge should planning know and is care stolen coordination, including coordination with the intent Department too of unlawfully Mental distribute Health it and or Addiction Services, to promote, facilitate manage, access carry to on, programs or and facilitates services organized upon retail release. theft.

The Said bill lengthens, departments from 180 to 365 days, the time and period within which office the shall person contract must with shoplift a the federally property qualified health center in this state to be work guilty with Department of organized Correction retail health theft, services and behavioral health employees to provide community-based care for persons upon release for not fewer than two years. The federally qualified health center shall work with Department of Correction employees to improve continuity of care and community health care standards for said department.

Under The existing provisions law, of a this person subsection is shall not accessory be to construed organized retail theft if he or she receives, possesses, conceals, stores, barter, sells, or otherwise disposes of the stolen property intending to (1) permit distribute the proceeds contracting or out (2) of promote, work manage, customarily carry performed on, by or Department facilitate of organized Correction retail employees. theft.

The (2) bill Not specifies later this than includes January doing 15, so [2029] through 2028, an and online January platform, fifteenth Internet following website, each or calendar electronic year device, thereafter during which such program is maintained, the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services, the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Correction health services and behavioral health employees and the federally qualified health center assisting with such Public Act No.

By 26-130 law, 17 organized of retail 32 theft House and Bill accessory No. to organized theft are both class-D felonies (punishable by up to five years in prison, up to a \$5,000 fine, or both).

But 5563 if program shall report, in accordance with the financial provisions benefit of is section \$10,000 11-4a, or on more, the then results it of is such a program class to C the felony joint (punishable standing by committees up of to the 10 General years Assembly in having prison, cognizance up of matters relating to a the \$10,000 Department fine, of or Correction, both). human services and public health.

FOSTERING Such THE reports SALE shall OF evaluate STOLEN the PROPERTY (A) The effectiveness bill of establish the discharge crime planning of "fostering and the sale reentry of stolen property" care as a coordination form of larceny (see BACKGROUND). A for person is guilty of this new participants crime in when the he program, or (B) she management (1) and hosts, continuity advertises, of or care otherwise for helps chronic sell diseases stolen among property, participants including in through the a program, online (C) platform, coordination, timeliness and (2) completion knows of or specialty believes care that referrals for participants in the property program, was (D) stolen extent to which participants successfully access community-based health care services following release from the correctional institution, and (E) costs of the program when compared to other delivery of care models in use at the time such program is initiated.

This Sec. crime does not apply if the HB5563 / File No.

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527 Section property 54-102 kk is of received, the retained, general or statutes disposed is of repealed in and order the to following give is its substituted back in to lieu the thereof owner. (Effective October 1, 2026):

~~GIFT(a) CARD~~Notwithstanding ~~CRIME~~any ~~other bill~~provision ~~establishes of "gift law card governing crime"~~[postconviction] ~~as~~post-conviction relief, any person who was convicted of a ~~new crime form~~and sentenced to incarceration may, at any time during the term of ~~larceny~~such ~~(see incarceration BACKGROUND)~~, or after completion of such term and while subject to the jurisdiction or supervision of any probation, parole or correctional agency, file a petition with the sentencing court requesting the DNA testing of any evidence that is in the possession or control of the Division of Criminal Justice, any law enforcement agency, any laboratory or the Superior Court.

~~A~~The ~~person~~petitioner ~~is~~shall ~~guilty~~state ~~under penalties of this~~perjury ~~crime~~that ~~when, the~~ ~~with~~requested ~~intent~~testing is related to ~~defraud~~,the investigation or prosecution that resulted in the ~~person~~petitioner's conviction and that the evidence sought to be tested contains biological evidence.

~~1-~~(b) After notice to the prosecutorial official and a hearing, the court shall order DNA testing if it finds that:

~~acquires~~(1) ~~or~~A ~~keeps~~reasonable ~~a~~probability ~~gift~~exists ~~card~~that ~~or gift card redemption information~~ without the ~~consent~~petitioner ~~of~~would ~~the~~not ~~cardholder~~have ~~or~~Public ~~the~~Act ~~gift~~No. ~~card's issuer or seller~~;

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~~alters~~5563 ~~been prosecuted or tampers~~convicted ~~with~~if ~~a~~exculpatory ~~gift~~results ~~card~~;had been obtained through DNA testing;

~~or~~(2) ~~3-~~The evidence is still in existence and is capable of being subjected to DNA testing;

~~devises~~(3) ~~a~~The ~~scheme~~evidence, ~~too~~ get ~~a~~ gift~~specific~~ ~~card~~portion ~~or~~of ~~gift~~the ~~card~~evidence ~~information~~identified ~~from~~by ~~a~~the ~~cardholder~~petitioner, ~~or~~was ~~gift~~never ~~card~~previously ~~issued~~subjected to DNA testing, or ~~seller~~the testing requested by ~~false~~the ~~or~~petitioner ~~fraudulent~~may ~~pretenses~~,~~resolve~~ ~~representations~~,~~an~~ ~~or~~issue ~~promises~~that was never previously resolved by previous testing;

~~Under~~and (4) The petition before the ~~bill~~,Superior ~~gift~~Court ~~cards~~was ~~are~~filed ~~physical~~in ~~or~~order ~~digital~~,to ~~closed-loop~~demonstrate ~~or~~the ~~open~~-petitioner's ~~loop~~innocence ~~gift~~and ~~cards~~not ~~that~~to ~~are~~delay ~~activated~~the ~~or~~administration ~~inactivated~~of justice.

~~Closed-loop~~(c) ~~gift~~After ~~cards~~notice ~~are~~to ~~cards~~,the ~~codes~~,prosecutorial ~~or~~official ~~devices~~and ~~on~~ which ~~consumers~~prepay ~~a~~ specified~~hearing~~, amount, ~~but~~ can only ~~redeem~~at the ~~specific~~court ~~merchant~~may ~~or~~order ~~group~~DNA ~~of~~testing ~~affiliated~~if ~~merchants~~it ~~who~~finds ~~issued~~that:~~it-~~

~~Open-loop~~(1) ~~gift~~A ~~cards~~reasonable ~~are~~probability ~~redeemable~~exists ~~at~~that ~~multiple~~the ~~unaffiliated~~requested ~~merchant~~testing ~~within~~will ~~a~~produce ~~payment~~DNA ~~card~~results ~~network~~which ~~(Visa~~,would ~~for~~have ~~example~~),~~altered~~ the verdict or reduced the petitioner's sentence if the results had been available at the prior proceedings leading to the judgment of conviction;

~~LIABILITY~~(2) ~~FOR SHOPLIFTING~~-The ~~bill~~evidence ~~increases~~is ~~the~~still ~~maximum~~in ~~civil~~existence ~~liability~~ for punitive damages, from \$300 to ~~\$1,000~~, for an ~~adult~~ or ~~emancipated~~ minor who ~~shoplifts~~, without the owner's consent and ~~with~~is ~~the~~capable ~~intent~~of ~~not~~being ~~paying~~subjected ~~for~~to ~~them~~DNA ~~or~~testing; ~~altering~~ their price, (1) goods or merchandise ~~a~~ store displays or (2) certain agricultural produce.

~~As~~(3) ~~under~~The ~~existing~~evidence, law, ~~or~~ the ~~a~~ person~~specific~~ taking~~portion~~ of the ~~good~~evidence ~~or~~identified ~~merchandise~~by ~~is~~the ~~also~~petitioner, ~~liable~~was ~~for~~never ~~the~~previously ~~actual~~subjected ~~and~~to ~~reasonable~~DNA ~~costs~~testing, ~~or~~for (1) ~~maintaining~~ the ~~civil~~testing action,~~requested~~ ~~including~~by ~~court~~the ~~costs~~petitioner ~~and~~may ~~reasonable~~resolve ~~attorney's~~an ~~fees~~,~~issue~~ ~~and~~that (2)~~was~~ ~~the~~never ~~retail~~previously ~~valued~~resolved ~~of~~by ~~the~~previous ~~goods~~,testing; ~~merchandise~~, or ~~produce~~ taken.

~~Additionally~~,~~and~~ ~~HB~~5563(4) ~~The~~ ~~File~~petition No. ~~before~~ the Superior Court was filed in order to demonstrate the petitioner's innocence and not to delay the administration of justice.

~~527~~(d) ~~18~~The ~~HB~~5563~~costs~~ ~~File~~of DNA testing ordered pursuant to this section shall be Public Act No.

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~~The~~5563 ~~bill~~borne ~~also~~by ~~eliminates~~the ~~state~~ or the ~~court's~~petitioner, ~~ability~~as ~~to~~the ~~award~~court ~~damages~~may ~~order~~ in the interests of ~~up~~justice, ~~to~~except ~~\$300~~that ~~to~~DNA ~~testing~~ shall not be denied because of the ~~defendant~~inability ~~if~~of the ~~plaintiff~~petitioner ~~loses~~.to pay the costs of such testing.

~~But~~(e) ~~as~~In ~~a~~ proceeding under ~~existing~~this ~~law~~,section, the ~~petitioner~~ shall have the right to be represented by counsel and, if the petitioner is indigent, the court ~~may~~shall ~~award~~appoint counsel for the ~~defendant~~petitioner ~~costs~~in ~~and~~accordance ~~reasonable~~with ~~attorney's~~section ~~fees~~.51-296.

~~BACKGROUND~~(f) ~~Related~~An ~~Bill~~order ~~HB~~of ~~5268~~the ~~(File~~court ~~12)~~,~~denying~~ ~~favorably~~the ~~reported~~petitioner's ~~by~~request ~~the~~for ~~Committee~~DNA ~~on~~testing~~of~~any~~evidence~~ ~~Children~~,that~~is~~in~~the~~possession~~or~~control~~of~~ ~~also~~the~~Division~~ ~~authorizes~~of ~~DPH~~Criminal ~~to~~Justice, ~~release~~any ~~to~~law ~~DCF~~enforcement ~~information~~agency, ~~about~~any ~~an~~laboratory ~~acknowledgement~~or the Superior Court shall be a final judgment for purposes of ~~parentage~~-~~an~~ appeal.

~~Larceny~~Sec. -By law, the punishment for larceny depends on the value of the property taken, generally ranging from a class C misdemeanor (punishable by up to three months in prison, up to a \$500 fine, or both) when the property value is up to \$500, to a class B felony (punishable by up to 20 years in prison, up to a \$15,000 fine, or both) when the property value exceeds \$20,000 (CGS Sec. Sec. 53a-122 to

~~-125b)-~~

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~~527~~Section 1954-91c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2027):

(a) For the purposes of this section, "victim" means a person who is a victim of a crime, the legal representative of such person, a member of a deceased victim's immediate family or a person designated by a deceased victim in accordance with section 1-56r.

(b) (1) (A) Prior to any proceedings involving the dismissal of a charge against any defendant or the entry of a nolle prosequi to a charge for any offense described in subdivision (2) of this subsection against a defendant, or (B) prior to the imposition of sentence upon any defendant who has been found guilty of any crime or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any crime, and prior to the acceptance by the court of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere made pursuant to a plea agreement with the state, the court shall permit any victim of the crime to appear before the court for the purpose of making a statement for the record, which statement may include the victim's opinion [of] concerning the dismissal of a charge against any defendant or the entry of a nolle prosequi to a charge for any offense described in subdivision (2) of this Public Act No.

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5563 subsection against a defendant or any plea agreement.

In lieu of such appearance, the victim may submit a written statement or, if the victim of the crime is deceased, the legal representative or a member of the immediate family of such deceased victim may submit a statement of such deceased victim to the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case.

Such state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney shall file the statement with the sentencing court and the statement shall be made a part of the record at the sentencing hearing.

Any such statement, whether oral or written, shall relate to the facts of the case, the appropriateness of any penalty and the extent of any injuries, financial losses and loss of earnings directly resulting from the crime for which the defendant is being sentenced.

The court shall inquire on the record whether any victim is present for the purpose of making an oral statement or has submitted a written statement.

If no victim is present and no such written statement has been submitted, the court shall inquire on the record whether an attempt has been made to notify any such victim as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section or, if the defendant was originally charged with a violation of section 53a-167c for assaulting a peace officer, whether the peace officer has been personally notified as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section.

After consideration of any such statements, the court may refuse to accept, where appropriate, a negotiated plea or sentence, and the court shall give the defendant an opportunity to enter a new plea and to elect trial by jury or by the court.

(2) The following are offenses for which the court, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall permit any victim of a crime to appear before the court for the purpose of making a statement for the record concerning the dismissal of a charge against a defendant or the entry of a nolle prosequi to a charge against a defendant:

(A) An offense that is a violation of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection Public Act No.

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5563 (a) of section 53-21, or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-73a, 53a-83b, 53a-86, 53a-90a, 53a-90b, 53a-189a, 53a-189c, 53a-191, 53a-192a, 53a-196, 53a-196a, 53a-196b, 53a-196c, 53a-196d, 53a-196e, 53a-196f, 53a-196h, 53a-196i or 53a-196j;

or (B) Any other offense that is (i) a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, each as defined in section 54-250, or (ii) designated as a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a.

(c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, prior to the imposition of sentence upon such defendant and prior to the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea agreement, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall notify the victim of such crime of the date, time and place of the original sentencing hearing or any judicial proceeding concerning the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea agreement, provided the victim has informed such state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney that such victim wishes to make or submit a statement as provided in subsection (b) of this section and [has complied with a request from such state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney to submit a stamped, self-addressed postcard for the purpose of such notification] such victim has provided the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney with up-to-date contact information.

(2) Prior to the imposition of sentence upon a defendant originally charged with a violation of section 53a-167c for assaulting a peace officer, and prior to the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea

agreement, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall personally notify the peace officer who was the victim of such crime of the date, time and place of the original sentencing hearing or any judicial proceeding concerning the acceptance of a plea pursuant to a plea agreement.

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5563 (3) If the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney is unable to notify the victim, such state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy state's attorney shall sign a statement as to such notification.

(d) Upon the request of a victim, prior to the acceptance by the court of a plea of a defendant pursuant to a proposed plea agreement, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall provide such victim with the terms of such proposed plea agreement in writing. If the terms of the proposed plea agreement provide for a term of imprisonment which is more than two years or a total effective sentence of more than a two-year term of imprisonment, the state's attorney, assistant state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney in charge of the case shall indicate:

(1) The maximum period of imprisonment that may apply to the defendant;

(2) whether the defendant may be eligible to earn risk reduction credits pursuant to section 18-98e;

(3) whether the defendant may be eligible to apply for release on parole pursuant to section 54-125a;

and (4) whether the defendant may be eligible for automatic erasure of such defendant's criminal conviction pursuant to subsection (e) of section 54-142a.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any proceedings held in accordance with section 46b-121 or section 54-76h.

Sec.

10.

Section 7-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

Not later than January 1, 2024, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall (1) examine (A) programs and strategies used in the state or other jurisdictions through which police officers collaborate with social workers, and (B) the evaluation submitted pursuant to section 18 of public act 20-1 of the July special session;

and (2) issue guidance to law enforcement units that (A) includes recommendations of how police officers may collaborate with social workers, and (B) on Public Act No.

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5563 and after October 1, 2026, includes (i) the potential impact of such collaboration, and (ii) instances where such collaboration may or may not be feasible, including when a social worker may respond to a call for assistance or accompany a police officer on certain calls for assistance.

Sec.

11.

(NEW) (Effective July 1, 2027) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Bona fide market price" means the price at which a consumer good or consumer service is advertised to the public on a regular basis by the retail seller or third-party delivery service for a reasonably substantial period of time;

(2) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515 of the general statutes;

(3) "Consumer good" means any article that is purchased, leased, exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household purposes;

(4) "Consumer service" means any service that is purchased, leased, exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household purposes;

(5) "Discounted price" means any price for a consumer good or consumer service that is (A) established for, or offered to, a consumer or group of consumers, and (B) verifiably lower than the generally available, publicly disclosed and bona fide market price established for the consumer good or consumer service;

(6) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

(7) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42- of the general statutes;

(8) "Retail seller" (A) means a retailer, as defined in section 12-407 of Public Act No.

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5563 the general statutes, to the extent such retailer is engaged in making sales, at retail, of tangible personal property, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, a retail food establishment;

(9) "Surveillance pricing" means the practice of establishing a customized price for a consumer good or

consumer service that is specific to a consumer or group of consumers based, in whole or in part, on the consumer's personal data collected (A) through any technology or technological method, system or tool, including, but not limited to, any biometric monitoring, camera, device tracking or sensor, that is used to gather personal data in a physical or digital environment, and (B) by the person establishing the customized price either directly or indirectly by gathering, purchasing or otherwise acquiring such personal data from a third party;

and (10) "Third-party delivery service" means a company, organization or entity, outside of the operation of a retail food establishment's business, that facilitates delivery or online ordering services to customers of a retail food establishment.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any person doing business in the state who engages in surveillance pricing for any reason other than to establish a discounted price for a consumer good or consumer service to be sold, leased, exchanged or provided as part of an online transaction, and who directly or indirectly advertises or promotes online a price established for a consumer good or consumer service by using surveillance pricing, labels a consumer good with such price online or publishes an online statement, display, image, offer or announcement disclosing such price, shall include in such online advertisement, promotion, label, statement, display, image, offer or announcement the following disclosure, or a substantially similar disclosure:

"THIS PRICE WAS INCREASED USING YOUR PERSONAL DATA".

Any person doing business in this state who is required to include such disclosure shall disclose to consumers their rights under Public Act No.

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5563 section 42-518 of the general statutes.

No disclosure shall be required under this subdivision if the advertised, promoted, labeled or published price is the bona fide market price.

(2) The disclosure required under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be readily visible to the average consumer.

(c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, no retail seller or third-party delivery service doing business in the state shall engage in surveillance pricing.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the following shall not be deemed to constitute surveillance pricing:

(A) Establishing for, or offering to, a consumer a discounted price for a consumer good or consumer service for purposes such as retaining a consumer as a customer, reestablishing a consumer as a customer, attracting a consumer as a new customer, cross-selling an item to a consumer or reengaging a lapsed customer;

(B) Establishing for, or offering to, different consumers different prices for the same consumer good or consumer service due to (i) justifiable differences in the costs incurred in providing such consumer good or consumer service to such consumers, including, but not limited to, justifiable differences in consumers' physical locations, consumer selections, delivery distances or delivery times, or (ii) justifiable temporal differences, including, but not limited to, justifiable temporal differences due to price fluctuations based on supply and demand;

(C) Establishing for, or offering to, a consumer or group of consumers a discounted price for a consumer good or consumer service (i) based on publicly disclosed discounted prices and uniform terms and conditions that may be satisfied by any consumer, including, but not limited to, by signing up for a mailing list, registering for promotional Public Act No.

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5563 communications or participating in a promotional event, (ii) that is available to all consumers who are members of a broadly defined group, including, but not limited to, veterans or members of the armed forces, senior citizens, students, teachers or residents of a specific area, based on publicly disclosed discounts and uniform terms and conditions, or (iii) through a loyalty, membership or rewards program in which consumers must affirmatively enroll.

The retail seller or third-party delivery service shall prominently post the discount and discounted price, and the uniform terms and conditions for such discount and discounted price, on such retail seller's or third-party delivery service's Internet web site in language that is readily understandable by the average consumer;

or (D) Correcting a price resulting from a pricing error or resetting a price following a system or network outage.

(d) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall not be construed to apply to:

(1) Any person licensed, authorized to operate or registered, or required to be licensed, authorized to operate or registered, pursuant to the insurance laws of this state;

or (2) Any person who can demonstrate that any refusal to extend credit, the terms, rates or pricing on which any credit or financial services are extended or any refusal to enter into a transaction with a specific consumer is based on (A) data provided in a consumer report covered by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15

USC 1681 et seq., as amended from time to time, or (B) data reflecting factors a creditor is permitted to consider under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated under said act.

(e) Any violation of the provisions of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, Public Act No. 26-130 27 of 32 House Bill No.

5563 of this section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the purposes of subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be enforced solely by the Attorney General.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a private right of action or to provide grounds for an action under section 42-110g of the general statutes.

Sec.

12.

(Effective from passage) Any municipality or regional board of education that increased its local share of the budget for the board of education for such municipality or regional board of education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, over the amount of the local share of the budget for such board of education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, may adjust its adopted budget or tax levies to reduce such local share for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, including the local share and funds received pursuant to sections 391 and 394 of public act 26-68, provided the resulting local share is not less than the greater of (1) the amount of funding provided for education under its adopted budget, or (2) the sum of the budget for the board of education for such municipality or regional board of education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and any funds received pursuant to said sections 391 and of public act 26-68.

Sec.

13.

Section 391 of public act 26-68 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the city of Hartford shall be paid a supplemental education aid grant in an amount equal to five million dollars of its grant amount listed in section 390 of [this act] public act 26-68.

The amount paid to the city of Hartford shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of Hartford not later than June thirtieth of said fiscal year.

All aid paid to the city of Hartford pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the board of education for Hartford.

[Such grant shall not be used to Public Act No.

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5563 supplant local funding for educational purposes.] (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each town shall be paid a supplemental education aid grant equal to the amount prescribed in section 390 of [this act] public act 26-68.

The amount due each town shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon certification of the Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each town not later than June thirtieth of said fiscal year.

[All] Subject to the provisions of section 12 of this act, all aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board of education.

[Such grant shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational purposes.] (b) Such grant shall not be considered part of the budgeted appropriation for education for the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for purposes of calculating the minimum budget requirement for the town pursuant to section 10-262j of the general statutes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

Sec.

14.

Subsections (c) and (d) of section 394 of public act 26-68 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(c) [All] Subject to the provisions of section 12 of this act, all aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board of education.

[Such grant shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational purposes.] (d) Such grant shall not be considered part of the budgeted appropriation for education for the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for purposes of calculating the minimum budget requirement for the town pursuant to section 10-262j of the general statutes for the Public Act No.

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5563 fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

Sec.

15.

Section 178 of public act 26-68 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-142 of the general statutes, title 7 or 10 of the general statutes, chapters 170 and 204 of the general statutes, any special act, any municipal charter or any home rule ordinance, if a municipality or regional board of education has adopted a budget or levied taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, prior to the adoption of the state budget for said fiscal year and such municipality or regional board of education receives, pursuant to such adopted state budget, an amount of state aid more than the amount projected in the municipality's or regional board of education's adopted budget, such (1) municipality, by vote of its legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of the board of selectmen, or (2) regional board of education, may (A) amend its budget, and (B) not later than July 1, 2026, adjust the tax levy and the amount of any remaining installments of such taxes, provided such amended budget shall not reduce the amount provided by the municipality to the local or regional board of education for education purposes below the greater of (i) the amount of local funding provided for such purpose under the adopted budget, or (ii) (I) the minimum budget requirement for the town pursuant to section 10-262j of the general statutes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, plus (II) the amount of funds paid to the municipality or regional board of education pursuant to sections 391 and 394 of public act 26-68. The amendment to such budget shall be in an amount not exceeding the increase in state aid to the municipality or regional board of education.

Sec.

16.

(Effective from passage) The provisions of sections 12 to 15, inclusive, of this act shall not apply to the city of Bridgeport.

Sec.

17.

Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 18-81qq of the 2026 Public Act No.

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5563 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 26-40, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(e) (1) The Correction Ombuds need not investigate a complaint, if the Correction Ombuds determines such investigation is not warranted.

If the Correction Ombuds determines that such investigation is not warranted, the Correction Ombuds shall inform the person making the complaint of such decision in writing, which complaint and decision shall be confidential and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall not be disclosed without the consent of such person.

Not later than December 31, 2026, and each December thirty-first annually thereafter, the Correction Ombuds shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction setting forth the number of complaints for which the Correction Ombuds determined that an investigation was not warranted and a summary of the reason for each such determination.

Such report shall be a public record, as defined in section 1-200.

Sec.

18.

Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-705 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2026):

(B) (i) For the period commencing July 1, [2025] 2026, and ending December 31, [2026] 2027, the withholding requirement for a lump sum payment under clause (ii) of this subparagraph shall not apply, except that if a payee has requested an amount to be withheld from such distribution, the payer shall withhold such amount.

(ii) With respect to a lump sum distribution, if a payee does not make a request to have an amount withheld from such distribution, the payer shall withhold from the taxable portion of the distribution at the highest Public Act No.

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5563 marginal rate, except that no withholding shall be required if (I) any portion of the lump sum distribution was previously subject to tax, or (II) the lump sum distribution is a rollover that is effected as a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer or as a direct rollover in the form of a check made payable to another qualified account.

(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, "lump sum distribution" means a payment from a payer to a

resident payee of an amount exceeding fifty per cent of such resident payee's entire account balance or more than five thousand dollars, whichever is less, exclusive of any other tax withholding and any administrative charges and fees.

Sec.

19.

Section 44 of public act 26-100 is repealed.

(Effective from passage) Governor's Action:

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