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Special Act No. 19-17

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE DISPARITIES IN
PRETRIAL AND SENTENCING OUTCOMES OF CRIMINAL
DEFENDANTS.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Sentencing Commission shall study potential disparities in pretrial and sentencing outcomes related to the racial, ethnic, gender and socioeconomic status of a criminal defendant. In furtherance of such study, said commission shall have access to: (1) All databases maintained in the state's criminal justice information system; (2) the Connecticut Information Sharing System; and (3) any state or local criminal or judicial databases that have not yet been integrated into the Connecticut Information Sharing System.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2020, said commission shall submit an interim report on the study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary. Not later than January 1, 2021, said commission shall submit its final report on the study and any recommendations from the commission, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General

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Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and to the Governor.

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