

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INCARCERATION AND THE
COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION

Tuesday June 28th, 2022

2:00- 3:30pm

Via Zoom

Minutes

Members Present: John Santa (Chair), Sarah Russell (Vice Chair), Robin Pavia, Jennifer Zito, Deborah Del Pret Sullivan (on behalf of Chief Public Defender), Melanie Dykas, Michael Hines (on behalf of Gary Roberge), Michael Chase, Richard Sparaco, David Bothwell, Commissioner Quiros.

Staff: Alex Tsarkov, Van Augur, Andrew Clark, Cade Lewis, Chloe Dysart, Sandy Sawwan, and Gwen Ross.

I. MEETING CONVENED

John Santa Convened the meeting at 3:05pm. Judge Pavia made the opening remarks.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Judge Pavia
Second: Commissioner Zito
The motion passed unanimously

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduced themselves to the subcommittee.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alex Tsarkov provided an update on the following proposals from the Connecticut Sentencing Commission to the General Assembly:

- i. SB 425, *An Act Concerning Sentence Modification*
- ii. HB 5390, *An Act Repealing Statutory Provisions that Impose Liability on an Individual for Repayment of Costs Incurred When the Individual Was Incarcerated*
- iii. *An Act Concerning Sex Offender Registry*
- iv. *An Act Restoring the Right to Vote*

V. COST OF INCARCERATION

Alex Tsarkov provided the subcommittee a brief update on the current statutes surrounding the cost of incarceration in Connecticut. Recent legislation passed by the General Assembly exempted up to \$50,000 of an inmate's assets, except for inmates incarcerated for certain serious crimes; and (2) made the states lien against lawsuit proceeds applicable only to inmates incarcerated for certain serious crimes.

Members discussed whether the subcommittee should continue to focus on the cost of incarceration issues.

VI. JUVENILE PAROLE HEARINGS (PUBLIC ACT 15-84)

Members discussed looking at the implementation of the Public Act 15-84, as well as looking at other jurisdictions that have implemented similar reforms.

VII. VOTING RIGHTS

Members discussed the Commission's work on restoring voting rights to people incarcerated for felonies.

VIII. COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF FELONY CONVICTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE CONVICTED AS ADULTS

Jennifer Zito suggested that the subcommittee look into the collateral consequences of a felony conviction of young people convicted as adults.

IX. COMPASSIONATE PAROLE

The subcommittee discussed issues surrounding Connecticut's compassionate parole release mechanisms.

X. OTHER IDEAS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan suggested that the Commission take a look at Connecticut's DUI laws related to drunk driving offenders losing their CDL licenses even though they were not using a vehicle that required a CDL. Another area for potential exploration is around the breathalyzer ignition lock required to be installed into a person's car in order to regain driving privileges.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED

The commission motioned to meet next on July 27th at 3pm. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.