



▪ Victims' Rights ▪

[House Bill No. 5471, Public Act No. 18-128](#), An Act Concerning Victim's Rights and Restitution

- Effective October 1, 2018
- The court shall inquire on the record whether or not the victim is requesting restitution.

▪ Domestic Violence ▪

[Senate Bill No. 466, Public Act No. 18-5](#), An Act Concerning Dual Arrests and the Training Required of Law Enforcement Personnel with Respect to Domestic Violence

- Effective January 1, 2019
- Defines "dominant aggressor" for purposes of crimes involving family violence.
- Modifies the current mandatory arrest law and allows police officers to depart from the mandatory arrest law when the police have identified the dominant aggressor in the incident.

▪ Identity Theft/Financial Fraud ▪

[Senate Bill No. 472, Public Act No. 18-90](#), An Act Concerning Fees for Security Freezes on Credit Reports, Identity Theft Prevention Services and Regulations of Credit Rating Agencies

- Effective October 1, 2018
- Prohibits credit reporting agencies from charging a fee to establish or remove a credit freeze .
- Increases the length of time certain businesses must provide identify theft mitigation services to customers impacted by a data breach, from 12 months to 24 months.
- Requires the banking commissioner to adopt regulations requiring credit rating agencies to provide a dedicated point of contact following a data breach.

▪ Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking ▪

[Senate Bill No. 17, Public Act No. 18-83](#), An Act Concerning Procedures Related to Collecting and Processing Sexual Assault Evidence Collections Kits

- Effective July 1, 2018
- Develop policies to ensure a victim has access to information regarding the victim's sexual assault evidence collection kit.
- Implements a tracking system for sexual assault evidence collection kits.
- Ensures that a sexual assault counselor is contacted when a victim presents at a health care facility.

[Senate Bill No. 14, Public Act No. 18-63](#), An Act Concerning Special Parole for High-Risk, Violent and Sexual Offenders

- Effective October 1, 2018
- Eliminates special parole for convictions of offenses related to dependency-producing drugs.
- Prohibits the court from imposing special parole unless the court determines that special parole is necessary to ensure public safety.
- Allows the Board of Pardons and Paroles to discharge a person on special parole if it determines the person will lead an orderly life.

[Senate Bill No. 215, Public Act No. 18-75](#), An Act Concerning Court Operations **(in part)**

- Effective October 1, 2018
- Extends the confidentiality protections to victims of aggravated sexual assault of a minor.

▪ Other Criminal Matters ▪

[House Bill No. 5407, Special Act No. 18-18](#), An Act Establishing a Task Force to Promote Efficiencies in the Filing of Habeas Corpus Matters

- Effective upon passage
- Establishes a task force to examine methods to evaluate habeas corpus filings in order to reduce the number of frivolous applications.

[House Bill No. 5477, Public Act No. 18-127](#), An Act Concerning State v. McCahill

- Effective from passage
- Addresses the constitutional issue raised in *State v. McCahill* when a person has been convicted of a crime and is released pending sentencing or appeal.

[House Bill No. 5557, Public Act No. 18-134](#), An Act Concerning the Competency of a Defendant to Stand Trial

- Effective October 1, 2018
- Decreases the frequency of court-ordered periodic examinations for certain defendants deemed incompetent to stand trial.

[Senate Bill No. 468, Public Act No. 18-56](#), An Act Concerning Service of Civil Process on a Motor Vehicle Operator or the Owner of a Motor Vehicle

- Effective October 1, 2018
- Allows for service of process (initiation of a civil action) on the Department of Motor Vehicles commissioner under certain circumstances in cases involving licensed drivers or owners of registered vehicles who cannot be located for in-person service.

[Senate Bill No. 404, Public Act No. 18-86](#), An Act Concerning Whiting Forensic Hospital and Connecticut Valley Hospital **(in part)**

- Effective October 1, 2018, except the task force provision is effective upon passage
- Establishes a task force to review and evaluate the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) facility operations and conditions and evaluate the feasibility of creating an Office of Inspector General to receive and investigate complaints about DMHAS hospitals.
- Establishes mandatory reporting of suspected patient abuse at DMHAS operated behavioral health facilities.
- Requires the DMHAS commissioner to investigate reports of suspected abuse.

[Senate Bill No. 471, Public Act No. 18-3](#), An Act Concerning a Motor Vehicle Accident Report for an Accident in Which a Person Was Killed

- Effective October 1, 2018
- Requires that an investigation of a motor vehicle accident involving a death include a determination of the cause of the accident, or the matter be referred to the State's Attorney for further investigation .