



State of Connecticut  
Office of The Victim Advocate

# 2022 LEGISLATION IMPACTING CONNECTICUT CRIME VICTIMS

*The Office of The Victim Advocate actively monitors and comments on proposed legislation that will directly affect victims of crime.*



## House Bill No. 5393, An Act Concerning Court Operations, Public Act No. 22-26

- Removes the language that violated the constitutional rights of crime victims in cases of a juvenile transferred to the regular criminal docket.
- Arraignment for juveniles charged with a firearms offense or a motor vehicle offense shall be the next business day after the arrest of the juvenile.
- Limits when the court, at a hearing on the application for a civil restraining order, may consider a report prepared by the CSSD's family services unit.

July 2022

## House Bill No. 5243, An Act Concerning the Identification and Prevention of and Response to Adult Sexual Misconduct Against Children, Public Act No. 22-87

- Expands the state's address confidentiality program to allow victims of kidnapping, trafficking and substantiated child abuse of children to participate.
- Expands training programs of the Department of Children and Families' state-wide sexual assault awareness and prevention programs.
- Adds paid youth camp staff members to the mandated reporter list.
- Requires annual distribution of mandated reporter policies to local and regional boards of education.
- Requires school employees to receive training every three years on the prevention and identification and response to child sexual abuse and assault.
- Permits the use of the Connecticut School Health Survey to randomly select high schools to assist in the identification of adult sexual misconduct.
- Establishes a task force to study the sexual abuse and exploitation of children on the internet.

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Senate Bill No. 450,  
An Act Concerning Connecticut Valley and  
Whiting Forensic Hospitals, Public Act No.  
22-45

The bill allows an acquittee, or a person acting on the acquittee's behalf, to apply directly to the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) for a temporary leave order. Applications may be submitted no more than once every six months from the date of the acquittee's initial commitment hearing. The bill also requires the PSRB to notify the victim of the acquittee's temporary leave.

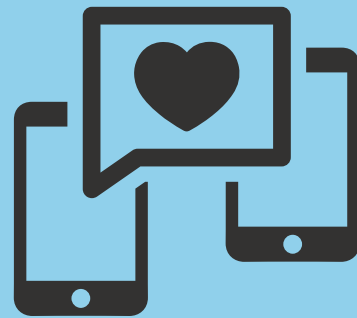
House Bill No. 5417,  
An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice  
and Services, Firearms Background  
Checks, and Larceny of a Motor  
Vehicle, Public Act No. 22-115



- Requires the prompt arraignment of a juvenile charged with certain offenses and allows for electronic monitoring if a child was charged with a second or subsequent motor vehicle theft offense.
- Establishes a new penalty structure for larceny of a motor vehicle.
- Requires the Court Support Services Division to review certain juvenile justice issues, such as pretrial diversionary programs, and report to the Judiciary Committee.

Senate Bill No. 5,  
An Act Concerning Online Dating  
Operators, the Creation of a Grant  
Program to Reduce Occurrences of Online  
Abuse and the Provision of Domestic  
Violence Training and Protections for  
Victims of Domestic Violence, Public Act  
No. 22-82

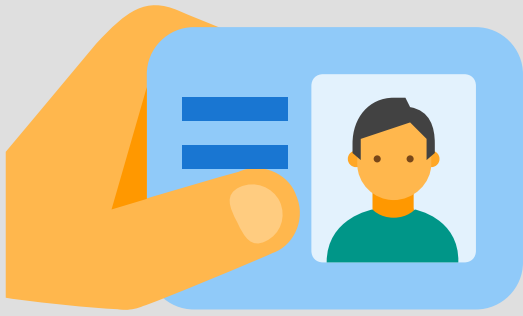
- Requires online dating operators to provide users safety awareness notifications before allowing the user to use the platform.
- Prohibits discrimination on the basis of someone's status as a domestic violence victim in employment, public accommodations, housing, the granting of credit, and other laws over which the CHRO has jurisdiction; authorizes a victim aggrieved by an alleged discriminatory practice to file discrimination complaints with CHRO.



Senate Bill No. 425, An Act Concerning  
Sentence Modification,  
Public Act No. 22-36

PA 21-102, § 25, as amended by PA 21-104, § 63, expanded eligibility for sentence modifications. This bill specifies that this requirement applies on and after October 1, 2021, to defendants sentenced before, on, or after October 1, 2021.

Senate Bill No. 6, An Act Concerning Personal Data Privacy and Online Monitoring,  
Public Act No. 22-15



Establishes a framework for controlling and processing personal data, including setting responsibilities and privacy protection standards for data controllers and processors; gives consumers the right to access, correct, delete, and obtain a copy of personal data and to opt out of the processing of personal data for certain purposes (e.g., targeted advertising); and requires controllers to conduct data protection assessments

Senate Bill No. 217, An Act Establishing a Hate Crime Investigative Unit Within the Division of State Police and Requiring Development of a Reporting System, Best Practices and a Model Investigation Policy for Law Enforcement Units Regarding Hate Crimes,  
Public Act No. 22-9

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) commissioner to establish, within the State Police, a Hate Crimes Investigative Unit.



House Bill No. 5499, An Act Concerning the Criminal Justice Commission and the Division of Criminal Justice, Public Act No. 22-111

Permits the Criminal Justice Commission to reprimand and suspend the Chief State's Attorney, rather than only to remove from office for misconduct and cause.

Senate Bill No. 459, An Act Concerning the Correction Advisory Committee, the Use of Isolated Confinement and Transparency for Conditions of Incarceration, Public Act No. 22-18

This bill expands the Department of Correction ombuds program and relocates the program to the Office of Governmental Accountability.

House Bill No. 5248, An Act Concerning Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions on Occupational Licensing, Public Act No. 22-88

Limits the circumstances under which various agencies, boards and commissions that issue occupational licenses may take against a practitioner because the practitioner was found guilty or convicted of a felony.