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S.B. No. 502
AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER
FROM JUVENILE TO ADULT COURT

The Office of Chief Public Defender (OCPD) *opposes* S.B. 502, *An Act Concerning Discretionary Transfer from Juvenile to Adult Court* and asks this Committee to **take no action** on this bill. The stated purpose is to include “serious firearm offenses” in the list of offenses eligible for discretionary transfer of a juvenile to the regular criminal docket. However, S.B. 502 is unnecessary, as current law already allows prosecutorial officials the discretion to transfer all felony offenses to the regular criminal docket. Specifically, subsection (b) of C.G.S. 46b-127, **Transfer of child charged with a felony to the regular criminal docket**, the same statute that S.B. 502 proposes to amend, already allows for the discretionary transfer of a juvenile charged with the commission of any felony offense to the regular criminal docket.

This office remains available to discuss this further and *requests that the Committee take no action on this bill*. Thank you for your consideration.