



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

SENATE BILL 90

AN ACT REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING THE HATE CRIMES STATUTES

The Current Situation

Connecticut's hate crimes laws are inconsistent and need work. Currently, they are scattered throughout varying sections of the General Statutes, and many of the laws reference inconsistent terminology and protected classes, making it difficult for police and prosecutors to use them.

In 2021, the Governor appointed the Hate Crimes Advisory Council. Since its creation, the Advisory Council has done admirable work on hate crimes, launching the reporthate.ct.gov portal, making it more accessible for Connecticut residents to report hate and bias incidents. Over the past several years, a team of HCAC members and professors at UConn Law School have been hard at work drafting this proposal to address the growing need to consolidate Connecticut's hate crimes laws.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Consolidate Connecticut's hate crimes laws into one act, with the goal of creating one chapter of the General Statutes, making it easier for police and prosecutors to find and charge those crimes:

- Hate Crime Causing Physical Injury
- Hate Crime Causing Physical Contact
- Hate Crime Affecting Property
- Hate Crime Affecting Religious Property
- Hate Crime by Threat of Physical Contact
- Hate Crime by Threat to Property



- Hate Crime by Threatening in the First Degree with Respect to House of Religious Worship or Religiously-Affiliated Community Center
- Hate Crime by Threatening in the Second Degree with Respect to House of Religious Worship or Religiously-Affiliated Community Center
- Hate Crime by Advocacy or Urging
- Hate Crime by Deprivation of Civil Rights
- Hate Crime by Burning Cross
- Hate Crime by Noose
- Hate Crime by Commercial Advertisement
- Hate Crime by Public Accommodations Practice
- Hate Crime by Housing Practice
- Hate Crime by False Report
- Hate Crime by False Report to Law Enforcement
- Hate Crime by False Report Resulting in Serious Physical Injury or Death
- Hate Crime by Stalking
- Hate Crime by Misuse of Emergency 9-1-1 System