



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 653

File No. 831

Cal. No. 432

"AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN FILE DISCLOSURE IN CRIMINAL CASES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Chief State's Attorney and
4 the Chief Public Defender, or their designees, in consultation with the
5 rules committee of the Superior Court and the Chief Court
6 Administrator or his or her designee, shall conduct a study of the
7 state's statutes and rules concerning disclosure of evidence in criminal
8 matters.

9 (b) The study shall include, but need not be limited to, a full review
10 of the general statutes and rules of the Connecticut Practice Book
11 concerning the disclosure of evidence, any differences concerning the
12 disclosure of evidence in each state's attorney's judicial district, best
13 practices regarding disclosure and optimal timing of and redaction of

14 information from disclosure.

15 (c) Not later than January 31, 2020, the Chief State's Attorney and
 16 the Chief Public Defender, or their designees, shall, in accordance with
 17 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report their
 18 findings and recommendations for any statutory changes to the joint
 19 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 20 matters relating to the judiciary. Where appropriate, the findings
 21 should include recommendations to adopt uniform disclosure
 22 practices across all judicial districts that ensure (1) discovery is
 23 materially completed prior to a plea being offered and so completed at
 24 least one month prior to a case being brought to trial, and (2) each
 25 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes,
 26 involved in a case has been requested to provide all relevant
 27 information to the case to prosecutorial officials."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section