



SENATE BILL 344: Combine Adult Correction & Juvenile Justice.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 344 would amend the statutes that govern the powers and duties of the Division of Adult Correction and the Division of Juvenile Justice to reflect the fact that those divisions have been operating as a single Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.*

BACKGROUND: In September of 2013, the Department of Public Safety issued a press release announcing that the Department was integrating the Division of Juvenile Justice and the Division of Adult Correction into a single new division to be called the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, and the integrated division has been operating ever since. The General Statutes, however, have never been updated to reflect the fact that the two divisions were combined into a single division.

BILL ANALYSIS: **Senate Bill 344**, as recommended by the **Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety**, would ensure that the General Statutes accurately reflect the way that the Department of Public Safety is operating without making any substantive or policy changes.

Section 1(a) would statutorily establish the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, and give that division the power and duty to implement those portions of Article 13 of Chapter 143B related to adult correction and juvenile justice.

Sections 1(b) through 1(n) would amend the main statutory article that governs the Department of Public Safety's duties with respect to adult correction to reflect the fact that the Division previously called the Division of Adult Correction is now called the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

Section 1(p) would amend the statute that created the Division of Juvenile Justice so that it instead would create a Section of Juvenile Justice within the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

Sections 1(q) through t(11) would amend the main statutory article that governs the Department of Public Safety's duties with respect to juvenile justice to reflect the fact that what was previously the Division of Juvenile Justice is now a section within the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

Section 2 would make conforming changes throughout the General Statutes.

Section 3(a) and (b) would instruct the Revisor of Statutes to make any additional changes that are needed in order to ensure that the General Statutes correctly refer to the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice and the Section of Juvenile Justice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is retroactively effective to July 1, 2013.

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