



2023-2024 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 19C.2: Make Drug and Alcohol Screening a Regular Condition of Probation

Committee:		Date:	December 5, 2023
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Analysis of:	Sec. 19C.2 of S.L. 2023-134		

OVERVIEW: Section 19C.2 of S.L. 2023-134 changes a regular condition of probation to require that defendants on probation submit to drug and alcohol testing without restricting the type of test.

This section of the act became effective December 1, 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 19C.2 of S.L. 2023-134 changes one of the regular conditions of probation: instead of requiring that defendants provide a breath, urine, or blood sample to test for alcohol or prohibited drugs, the law is modified to generally provide that defendants must submit to drug and alcohol screening.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section of the act became effective December 1, 2023, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: A person who has been convicted of any criminal offense may generally be placed on probation to prevent them from reoffending. Section 15A-343 of the General Statutes contains default "regular" conditions of probation and additional conditions of probation that a court can impose.

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