

## Connecticut Office of Legislative Research Public Act Summary

PA 15-5, June Special Session (SB 1502)

### *Emergency Certification*

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND BONDS OF THE STATE.**

### **§§ 486-489 — CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM INVENTORIES**

#### ***Program Inventories***

The act requires the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division (CSSD) and the departments of Correction, Children and Families, and Mental Health and Addiction Services, by January 1, 2016, to (1) compile complete lists of each agency's criminal and juvenile justice programs and (2) categorize them as evidenced-based, research-based, promising, or lacking any evidence. The agencies must also do this by October 1 every even-numbered year after that.

Each designated agency's list must include the following information for the previous fiscal year:

1. a detailed program description and the names of providers,
2. the intended treatment population and outcomes,
3. total annual program expenditures and a description of funding sources,
4. the method for assigning participants,
5. the cost per participant,
6. the annual capacity for and the number of actual participants, and
7. an estimate of the number of people eligible for or needing the program.

CSSD and the departments must submit the program inventories to OPM's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (CJPPD), the Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees, the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA), and the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) at Central Connecticut State University.

Using the program inventory data, IMRP must develop a cost-benefit analysis for each program and submit the report of its analyses to CJPPD, the Appropriations and

Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees, and OFA, by March 1, 2016 and annually by November 1 after that. IMRP's cost-benefit analyses may be included as part of OPM's and OFA's annual fiscal accountability report due by November 15 to the Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees each year. Under the act, "cost beneficial" means the cost savings and benefits realized over a reasonable period of time are greater than the costs of implementation.

By law, OPM must develop a plan to promote a more effective and cohesive state criminal justice system. Under the act, to accomplish this, OPM must also review the program inventories and cost benefit analyses and consider incorporating them in its budget recommendations to the legislature.

### ***Agency Expenditure Estimates***

Under the act, the designated agencies' expenditure requirements submitted to OPM and the legislature may include costs to implement evidence-based programs and the governor may include these costs in the budget he submits to the legislature.

### ***Program Definitions***

The act defines each program category as follows:

1. An "evidence-based program" incorporates methods demonstrated to be effective for the intended population through scientifically based research, including statistically controlled evaluations or randomized trials; can be implemented with a set of procedures to allow successful replication in Connecticut; achieves sustained, desirable outcomes; and, when possible, has been determined to be cost-beneficial.
2. A "research-based program" is a program or practice that has some research demonstrating effectiveness, such as one tested with a single randomized or statistically controlled evaluation, but does not meet the full criteria for evidence-based.
3. A "promising program" is a program or practice that, based on statistical analyses or preliminary research, shows potential for meeting the evidence-based or research-based criteria.

## ***Deadlines***

<b><i>Deadline</i></b>	<b><i>Activity</i></b>
January 1, 2016	Agencies compile inventory of criminal and juvenile justice programs and categorize them as evidence-based, research-based, promising, or lacking evidence.
October 1, even-numbered years	
March 1, 2016	IMRP reports cost-benefit analyses to CJPPD, legislative committees, and OFA.
November 1 annually	
November 15 annually	OPM and OFA may include IMRP's cost-benefit analyses in their reports to legislative committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015, except the provision on estimates of agency expenditures on evidence-based programs is effective July 1, 2016.