



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

June 25, 2013

The Honorable Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, substitute House Bill 6509, *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission Regarding the Membership of the Commission*. This bill adds to the membership of the Commission, the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee on judiciary, or their designees chosen from the membership of the committee.

The Commission is defined in statute as a criminal justice agency and is distinct from commissions and task forces that are largely advisory in nature. As such, it would be inappropriate for legislators to sit on the Commission as full voting members. While I applaud the proponents' intention to familiarize the chairpersons and ranking members with the work of the Commission, this objective can be accomplished through regular meetings with such members or by the members' voluntary attendance at the Commission's public meetings.

For these reasons, I disapprove of substitute House Bill 6509, *An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Sentencing Commission*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Forth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute House Bill 6509 without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. P. Malloy", written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor