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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Re: SB 1050 Relating to sentencing for serious sex crimes

Senator Winters: “SB 1050 provides a presumptive sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of release for a person sentenced for certain serious sex crimes if the person has a prior conviction for the same crime or an equivalent crime in another jurisdiction. Currently, individuals convicted of these crimes are sentenced to a mandatory minimum of 25 years in prison.

The Public Safety subcommittee notes that this bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact, but the Public Defense Services Commission could incur additional costs for defending cases with the increased penalty of life imprisonment.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 1050 be reported out do pass.”