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***Raised Bill No. 6926-An Act Concerning Lengthy Sentences  
for Crimes Committed by a Child or Youth***

**Judiciary Committee Public Hearing - March 4, 2014**

The Office of Chief Public Defender is supportive of certain language within *Raised Bill No. 6926, An Act Concerning Lengthy Sentences for Crimes Committed by a Child or Youth*. The Office of Chief Public Defender relies upon its written testimony submitted today on *Raised Bill No. 796, An Act Concerning Lengthy Sentences for Crimes Committed by a Child or Youth and the Sentencing of a Child or Youth Convicted of Certain Felony Offenses*, as additional support of this Raised Bill No. 6926.

This Raised Bill 6926 would make certain changes to the language contained in Raised Bill 796. While not speaking on behalf of the Sentencing Commission, the Office of Chief Public Defender supports certain changes proposed which include: (1) a technical change which clarifies that the intent of the legislation was to have the bill applicable to persons who had received a definite sentence or a "total effective sentence" of more than ten years; (2) a limitation on the applicability to persons convicted of A and B felonies; and, a clarification that the victim or victim's family are notified whenever a person becomes eligible for release pursuant to the bill and a hearing will be held. The Office of Chief Public Defender is not opposed to any of these and believes that these three changes actually reflect the intent of the working group.

The bill does contain other changes in Sections 10 and 11. At this time the Office of Chief Public Defender takes no position on those changes, as this office believes the proposed language is currently being discussed between the Sentencing Commission and the agencies that would be involved.