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**Bill No. 7027-An Act Concerning Revisions to Criminal Statutes**

The Office of Chief Public Defender supports Section 1 of *Bill 7027, An Act Concerning Revisions to Criminal Statutes* and thanks the Committee for raising this agency's proposal. The Office takes no position on sections 2 and 3 of the bill. Section 1 would increase the values upon which the offense of criminal mischief in the first degree, a class D felony could be charged, to mirror the values for larceny in the third degree and its penalty. This office respectfully requests that C.G.S. §53a-116 also be amended to reflect the penalty and value of larceny fourth degree as follows:

**53a-116 Criminal Mischief in the second degree: Class A misdemeanor:**

- (a) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree when: (1) With intent to cause damage to tangible property of another and having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, such person damages tangible property of another in an amount exceeding [two hundred fifty] **one thousand** dollars; or (2) with intent to cause an interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public and having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, such person damages or tampers with tangible property of a public utility or mode of public transportation, power or communication, and thereby causes a risk of interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public; or (3) with intent to cause damage to tangible property owned by the state or a municipality that is located on public land and having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, such person damages such tangible property in an amount exceeding [two hundred fifty] **one thousand** dollars.
- (b) Criminal mischief in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.