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*S.B. 237 - An Act Establishing a Task Force  
to Evaluate Statutes of Limitations for Sexual Assault Crimes*

**Judiciary Committee Public Hearing**  
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The Office of Chief Public Defender supports *S.B. 237, An Act Establishing a Task Force to Evaluate Statutes of Limitations for Sexual Assault Crimes*. This office thanks this Committee for including it on the Task Force. The creation of the proposed Task Force would enable review and discussion of current law between Criminal Justice Agencies, Victim Advocates, Law Enforcement, the Criminal Defense Bar, including the Connecticut Innocence Project, legislators and law school academia. It is believed that a thorough review of the existing statutes of limitations in Connecticut and other states can be conducted. In addition, a discussion of the issues related to the presentation of a fair defense for a person so charged can be considered. With science and technology ever changing, a thorough discussion is necessary prior to proposing or enacting any extension or elimination of the current statute of limitations. Therefore, this office supports this bill.