



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE NOTICE

To: Members of the Local Government and Elections Committee
From: Theresa Gavarone, Chair
Date: March 4, 2021

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
10:30 AM
South Hearing Room

AGENDA

S. B. No. 63
O'Brien

Allow county probation department to accept credit card payments

2nd Hearing,
Proponent

S. B. No. 20*
Hackett

Exempt certain utility supply contracts from 10-year maximum


3rd Hearing,
Opponent/Interested Party

S. B. No. 15*
Wilson

Revise fiscal officer liability for loss of public funds

4th Hearing,
Proponent/Opponent/
Interested Party

*Possible Vote

	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE</p>
	<p>Witness Form</p>

Today's Date March 8 2021

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Testifying on Bill Number: 63

Testimony: Verbal Written Both

Testifying As: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Are you a Registered Lobbyist? Yes No

Special Requests: _____

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Proponent Testimony – Senate Bill 63
Keith Evans, Chief Probation Department
March 3, 2021

Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit a testimony on Senate Bill 63, which permits the probation department to collect fees via a credit card.

The Trumbull County Adult Probation Department has been asked multiple times by defendants if they can pay on their court ordered probation fees by credit card. Upon researching Revised Code 301.28, I found that probation departments are not listed as a county official. After seeking a legal opinion from the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, they also agreed that the probation department cannot accept credit card payments.

This bill will enhance the amount of payments received for multiple accounts of a probation department, ie: supervision fee, restitution, house arrest fees, etc. We believe the amount of money collected by credit cards will be bountiful. Not only will this action aid in the financial support the probation departments it will also benefit the defendant in completing their financial obligations ordered by the Court and, hopefully, get some victims of crime reimbursed in a more timely fashion.

The Trumbull County Adult Probation Department endorses Senate Bill 63 and encourages your favorable support.

Thank you for your consideration of our position and should you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 330-675-2532.

I would like to thank Senator Sandra O'Brien for her cooperation in introducing this to legislation.

Sincerely,



Keith A. Evans
Chief Probation Officer

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