



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Substitute Bill No. 6382



AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF PROBATE COURT SYSTEM EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 45a-8a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2021*):

4 (g) Each administrative judge for a Regional Children's Probate Court
5 may, if authorized by the Probate Court Budget Committee under
6 section 45a-85, employ such persons as may be required for the efficient
7 operation of the Regional Children's Probate Court. Such employees
8 shall be employees of the Regional Children's Probate Court and shall
9 be entitled to the benefits of Probate Court employees under this
10 chapter. Such employees shall [not] be deemed to be state employees for
11 purposes of chapter 68.

12 Sec. 2. Section 45a-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, Probate Court
15 employees shall not be deemed state employees and shall serve at the
16 pleasure of the judge of the court of probate in which they are employed.

17 (b) On and after October 1, 2021, Probate Court employees shall be

18 deemed state employees for purposes of chapter 68.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) (a) On and after October 1,
20 2021, Probate Court employees shall have the right to bargain
21 collectively and shall have such other rights and obligations incident
22 thereto as are created by sections 5-270 to 5-280, inclusive, of the general
23 statutes.

24 (b) On and after October 1, 2021, for the purposes of sections 5-270 to
25 5-280, inclusive, of the general statutes, the Probate Court shall be
26 considered an employer.

27 (c) On and after October 1, 2021, for the purposes of subsection (a) of
28 section 5-278 of the general statutes, the Probate Court, as an employer,
29 shall be represented by the Probate Court Administrator or such
30 administrator's designated representative.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	45a-8a(g)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2021	45a-21
Sec. 3	October 1, 2021	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed for accuracy.

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