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## **Connecticut Justice Alliance Statement on House Vote to Restrict Use of Handcuffs on Children**

**Christina Quaranta, Executive Director of the Connecticut Justice Alliance (CTJA)**, released the following statement in response to the House of Representatives' passage of SB 1542, a bill that would restrict the use of handcuffs on children.

Because the House added an amendment, the bill must return to the Senate, which unanimously approved it last month, for a final vote before the legislature adjourns Wednesday night.

"This bill represents meaningful progress in strengthening Connecticut's approach to youth justice. Kids deserve to be treated like kids, especially in moments of crisis, when they need support and guidance the most.

"We know from data and firsthand accounts that placing children in handcuffs or restraints undermines our efforts to help them grow and increases the likelihood of future involvement with the legal system.

"Kids need to see that the adults in charge are focused on helping them, not just punishing them. This bill is an important step in that direction. CTJA applauds the legislature for its continued support and looks forward to Governor Lamont signing the bill into law."

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### **About the Connecticut Justice Alliance**

The [Connecticut Justice Alliance](#) is a statewide advocacy and public policy organization working to end the criminalization of youth. CTJA is a youth-adult partnership and works closely with Justice Advisors, young people who are directly impacted by the justice system.

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