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Raised Bill 211

An Act Concerning the Duties of the Office of the Attorney General

As drafted, the Office of Chief Public Defender does not oppose this bill. This office thanks the Office of the Attorney General for working together during the 2019 legislative session for agreed language which is also in this *Raised Bill 211*. The agreed language prohibits the use of information obtained by the Office of the Attorney General, through the issuance of subpoenas or written interrogatories, in a criminal proceeding.

During the 2019 session, *Raised Bill 7222, An Act Concerning the Duties of the Office of the Attorney General*, passed the House with House Amendment A. (LCO #8794) and included the agreed to language. Although *Bill 7222* did not get called in the Senate in 2019, the amended language was important for this agency and its clients. This same agreed language is found in this *Raised Bill 211* at lines 6 through 8 and again at lines 47 through 49.