
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-7956 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7048](#)

BY Cruz, Ajello, Morales, Stewart, Batista, Henries, Cotter, Sanchez, Felix, Solomon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC3746/1} (Requires sentencing court to consider whether defendant is parent of child, or caregiver of elderly, disabled or terminally ill person whose well-being would be adversely affected by the person's incarceration and if so, shall impose a non-jail sentence.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7102](#)

BY Casimiro, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SECOND LOOK SENTENCING ACT {LC3363/1} (Establishes the second look act and would permit incarcerated individuals to petition the sentencing court to consider a motion to reduce a sentence after the defendant has served at least ten (10) years of the sentence.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7161](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND FIRST STEP ACT {LC3392/1} (Establishes Rhode Island First Step program requiring DOC to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early sentence termination or pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7525](#)

BY Felix, Kazarian, Batista, Stewart, Alzate, Craven, Tanzi, Morales, Dawson, Henries ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC4028/1} (Repeals 42-56-38.1 and requires the department of corrections to provide free communication services to inmates and juveniles held in residential placement or detention centers and requires that those facilities provide in-person contact visits.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7636](#)

BY Batista, Shanley, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT {LC5182/1} (Provides a remedy for any harm caused due to a deprivation or violation of rights by the State of Rhode Island or its political and/or administrative units or subdivisions, secured by the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7637](#)

BY Felix, Cruz, Craven, Batista, Alzate, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Kazarian, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SOLITARY CONFINEMENT REFORM ACT {LC4022/1} (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee ("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing (solitary confinement), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7743](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Noret, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Corvese, Hull, Caldwell, Bennett, Cardillo, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- TRIAL {LC4701/1}

(Allows a criminal defendant before the superior court to waive their right to a jury trial with the consent of the attorney general.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/01/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7956](#)

BY ~~Batista~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND

~~EXECUTION {LC5156/1} (Requires the court to set reasonable bail for all those individuals who appear before it as probation violators and establish a presumption of personal recognizance unless the new alleged offense is a crime of violence as defined in the act.)~~

~~03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7966](#)

BY Perez, Diaz, Batista, J. Lombardi, Fellela, Felix, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Lima ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC5099/1} (Sets standards and procedures to allow and implement conjugal visitation at state correctional facilities.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8145](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION {LC5901/1} (This resolution extends the reporting and expiration dates of the task force to improve long-term outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, from February 5, 2024, to May 3, 2024, and would expire on June 7, 2024.)

04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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