
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5124](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Stewart, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND FIRST STEP ACT {LC106/1} (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.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5131](#)

BY Perez, Noret, Finkelman, Azzinaro, Phillips, Slater, Corvese, Handy, Voas, DeSimone

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE TO INMATES AND INDIVIDUALS AWAITING TRIAL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (RIDOC) {LC721/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations on the delivery of healthcare services at RIDOC, and who reports back to the House no later than January 5, 2026, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2026.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5180](#)

BY Cruz, Craven, Dawson, McEntee, Solomon, J. Brien, Diaz, Kislak, Ajello, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE {LC619/1} (Requires one elector of the parole board to be a person directly impacted by the criminal justice system who has completed the probation/parole process three (3) or more years prior to selection with a professional background in certain enumerated areas.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5297](#)

BY Perez, Felix, Hull, J. Lombardi, Fellela, DeSimone, Batista, Diaz, Morales, Ackerman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC649/1} (Sets standards and procedures to allow and implement conjugal visitation at state correctional facilities.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5350](#)

BY Felix, Kazarian, Batista, Craven, Dawson, Morales, Stewart, Cruz, Kislak, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC1059/1} (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.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5349](#)

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Felix, Craven, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Batista, Cruz, Potter, Ajello, Place ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS {LC1058/1} (Provides an exemption for certain incarcerated persons from the payment of fees for a first request for vital statistics from the department of health.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5362](#)

BY Casimiro, Spears, Felix, Morales, Cruz, J. Lombardi, Place, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCING RECONSIDERATION ACT {LC1091/1} (Allows eligible individuals serving sentences of imprisonment to seek sentence reductions from the superior court, individuals serving life without parole or minimum mandatory sentences pursuant to law, would not be eligible for such relief.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5925](#)

BY Fascia, Craven, Nardone, Chippendale, Hull, Lima, J. Lombardi, Furtado, Place, Fellela ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC1341/1} (Makes it a felony for any person required to register as a sex offender to live within three hundred feet (300') of a school as defined in § 11-37.1-2.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5927](#)

BY Felix, Potter, Cruz, Batista, Sanchez, Kazarian, Kislak, Stewart, Alzate, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE CONFINEMENT OVERSIGHT ACT {LC1993/1} (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.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5928](#)

BY Morales, Ajello, Batista, Hull, Alzate, Craven, Stewart, Potter, Hopkins ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT -- THE WILLIE WASHINGTON, JR. ACT {LC1333/1} (Establishes The Body Cameras for Correctional Facilities Act which mandates all department of corrections staff with direct supervision rolls to wear body cameras while on duty in their assigned facility.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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