
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2127](#)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC3974/1} (Requires superior court clerk to automatically seal cases/individual counts of a criminal complaint/indictment that were dismissed, upon request of defendant and serve it upon bureau of criminal identification, police department and counsel of record.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2161](#)

BY Kallman, Quezada, Mack, Vargas, Paolino, Acosta, Euer, Zurier, Urso, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC3708/1} (Requires courts to presume release for most probation violations, set reasonable bail or non-monetary conditions, limit detention to cases of risk or danger, require prompt hearings, and mandate written reasons for detention.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2162](#)

BY Kallman, Zurier, Valverde, Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, DiMario, Lauria, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC3697/1} (Requires the courts to consider the parental status of the defendant at the time of sentencing and allows the defendant to present a family impact statement, including testimony, videos and documents relative to their parental status.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2280](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Famiglietti, LaMountain, Burke, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4050/1} (Requires all schools and educational institutions to develop and implement a school safety plan that would provide for immediate access to school facilities by first responders in an emergency.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2290](#)

BY Quezada, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Vargas, Mack, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC3989/1} (Provides for release of misdemeanor arrestees without financial conditions, except for domestic violence or flight risk or obstruct of justice risk.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2299](#)

BY Quezada, Bell, Valverde, Bissailon, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC3994/1} (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2302](#)

BY Dimitri, Patalano, Thompson, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Burke, Rogers, Appollonio, Paolino, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE {LC3953/1} (Makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly file a false report of misconduct of any law enforcement official, public safety official, or hospital staff.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2313](#)

BY Quezada, Thompson, Acosta, Kallman, Bissailon, Mack, Bell, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC3996/1} (Reduces the time for expungements to 3 years for a single misdemeanor and 5 years for felonies and multiple misdemeanors.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2316](#)

BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Gallo, Burke, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Thompson, Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS {LC3595/1} (Makes an assault upon a sports official during and in the course of their official duties a felony.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2398](#)

BY Dimitri, Famiglietti, Patalano, Appollonio, Tikoian, Thompson, Burke, Rogers, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE {LC4357/1} (Makes it a felony to file a false police report of a crime carrying a sentence of imprisonment of not less than five (5) years.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2602](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissaillon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS {LC4680/1} (Allows someone convicted of a previous felony or a private complaint to be eligible under § 12-10-12 for a misdemeanor filing.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2618](#)

BY Bissaillon, Bell, Burke, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC4855/1} (Administratively seals, upon request of the defendant following the conclusion of the matter in district court, individual counts of any criminal complaints dismissed pursuant to Rule 48(a) that were filed on or after October 1, 2026.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2711](#)

BY Dimitri, Bissaillon, McKenney, Zurier, Mack, DiMario, Murray, Bell, Quezada, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN SLATE ACT {LC5201/1} (Authorizes the automatic expungement of eligible conviction records by operation of law, initiated and completed by state agencies through electronic processes established within the judicial system.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2731](#)

BY Bissaillon, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCING RECONSIDERATION ACT {LC5481/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2733](#)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST {LC4906/1}

(Makes it unlawful for a person in the custody of the department of corrections to use any force or weapon to resist a lawful request or directive.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2936](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, LaMountain, Gallo, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --

DISTRICT COURT {LC5281/1} (Moves North Kingstown from the third division of the district court to the fourth division to better balance case workloads among the divisions.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2940](#)

BY Vargas, LaMountain, Quezada, Bell, DiMario, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Bissailon, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- FAMILY

COURT {LC5844/1} (Establishes full-time juvenile hearing board coordinator to provide support and assistance to municipal juvenile hearing boards across the state. Any juvenile charged with a misdemeanor and who is a first offender, shall be referred to the hearing board.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2964](#)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Vargas, Bissailon, Mack, McKenney, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5679/1} (Makes persons convicted of petty misdemeanors and convicted of simple possession of controlled substances, eligible to have their records expunged three years after completion of their sentence.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2983](#)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Bissailon, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Mack, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5680/1} (Permits the expungement of records 5 years after the imposition of sentence for misdemeanors and 10 years after the imposition of sentence for felonies, and if the sentence is greater than 10 years, then, upon successful completion of the sentence.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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