
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-7743 & H-7753 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7128](#)

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Dawson, Noret, Roberts, Biah, Read, Corvese, Diaz, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS {LC3651/1} (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.")

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7145](#)

BY Fellela, Messier, Caldwell, Craven, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3365/1} (Amends the heading of § 11-47-60.1 to include the words "Dillon's Law.")

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7546](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST {LC5022/1} (Expands the definition of peace officers to include juvenile program workers and shift coordinators at the department of youth, children and families.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7550](#)

BY Casey, Lima, Chippendale, Phillips, Read, Costantino, J. Brien, Hopkins, Edwards, Fascia
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT {LC4504/1} (Criminalizes and sets mandatory minimum sentences for the unlawful interference with traffic upon the federal and state highways of this state.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7556](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Noret, Hull, Read, Solomon, Casey, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS {LC3872/1} (Requires that all campus police officers be equipped with ballistic body armor.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. ~~7743~~

~~**BY Cotter, Kazarian, Potter, Tanzi, Carson, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MANDATORY CARRYING OF EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS BY POLICE OFFICERS ACT {LC5142/1}**~~ (Requires all peace officers to carry epinephrine autoinjectors in their vehicles or on their person police departments to budget sufficient funds to purchase the epinephrine and autoinjectors and for training of every peace officer.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~03/12/2026 Committee transferred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. ~~7753~~

~~**BY Read, Chippendale, Santucci, Noret, Serpa, Spears, O'Brien, Fascia, Corvese, Fellela**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER {LC5246/1}**~~ (Makes it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the department of attorney general.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [8058](#)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, Casimiro, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Spears, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME {LC5714/1} (Makes it unnecessary to prove that a person's transmission of electronic communications be for the sole purpose of harassment before being found guilty of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8059](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, Hopkins, O'Brien, Dawson, Read, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES {LC5754/1} (Allows nonprofit organizations to participate in permitted games of chance upon registering with the state police on an annual basis. The nonprofit would be exempt from any required background checks by local law enforcement.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8065](#)

BY Fascia, Noret, Read, Solomon, J. Brien, Chippendale, Hopkins, Nardone, Roberts, Place ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC5173/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/09/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8077](#)

BY Dawson, Boylan, Furtado, Casey, Stewart, Cortvriend, Speakman, Spears, McGaw, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS {LC5807/1} (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers and identify what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8087](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Hull, Noret, Fascia, Bennett, Biah, Corvese, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS {LC5041/1} (Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8115](#)

BY Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC5683/1} (Requires the corrections director to adopt body camera policies by January 1, 2027, after stakeholder consultation, setting standards for activation, recording, access, retention, notice, and training,)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8116](#)

BY Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT {LC5688/1} (Requires correctional staff to wear and activate body cameras, set rules for recording and access, create an independent oversight board, mandate training and reporting, and establish a grant funded pilot program.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8117](#)

BY Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC3853/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8118](#)

BY Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DUE PROCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT {LC5452/1} (Amends the Law Enforcement Officers' Due Process, Accountability, and Transparency Act" by changing the provision for payment of legal fees.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8119](#)

BY Potter, Knight, Ajello, Morales, Dawson, Batista, McEntee, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- WARRANTLESS PURCHASES OF PERSONAL DATA -- THE 4TH AMENDMENT IS NOT FOR SALE ACT {LC5399/1} (Prohibits warrantless purchases of personal data in connection with any criminal, civil, or other investigatory or enforcement activity.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8272](#)

BY Hull, Azzinaro, Bennett, J. Lombardi, Fogarty, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT {LC6061/1} (Makes sexual contact or penetration between any law enforcement officer that is on duty and a person that is a detainee, arrestee, in custody or a suspect a felony.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8293](#)

BY Craven, O'Brien, Shanley, Noret, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST {LC5616/1} (Permits non-sworn public safety officers/security guards at private colleges/universities to detain individuals for no longer than 30 minutes within the campus's jurisdiction if the officer or guard believes the person committed a criminal offense.)

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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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