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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2291 HAS BEEN ADDED

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [2291](#)**

**BY Murray, Euer, Bissailon, DiMario, Gu, Lauria, Urso**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT -- RHODE ISLAND SURVIVOR EARLY LEASE TERMINATION ACT

{LC4389/1} (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/24/2026 Meeting postponed

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2058](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Ciccone, Appollonio, Paolino, Thompson, Burke, McKenney, Famiglietti, LaMountain**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND

VANDALISM {LC3462/1} (Changes the community service requirements of a sentence related to the violation of § 11-44-21.1 relating to defacing private residences, offices, businesses or commercial property.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2156](#)**

**BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Raptakis**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND

BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC3278/1} (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self-defense.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2287](#)**

**BY Bell, Murray, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta, Vargas, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATE CRIME LABORATORY COMMISSION {LC4020/1}** (Increases number of members of state crime laboratory commission to 9, changes makeup of commission to include individuals with expertise in law enforcement, criminal defense, scientific research, makes chair of department of physics executive secretary.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/30/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2296](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Patalano, Tikoian, Burke, Ciccone, Paolino, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT {LC3943/1}** (Criminalizes and sets mandatory minimum sentences for the unlawful interference with traffic upon the federal and state highways of this state.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2307](#)**

**BY Rogers, Ciccone, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Dimitri, Raptakis**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC3279/1}** (Provides a rebuttable defense if a person dies or sustains a personal injury while committing any violent criminal offense of a person.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2405](#)**

**BY McKenney, Tikoian, DiPalma, Gallo, LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Britto, Bissailon, Gu**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HAZING {LC4031/1}**

(Enlarges definitions of prohibited acts that constitute hazing, make principals, coaches, athletic directors and others responsible for knowingly failing to take reasonable measures to prevent hazing and punishes serious injury.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2481](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Dimitri, Famiglietti, McKenney, Raptakis, Paolino**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND**

**VANDALISM {LC3162/1}** (Defines squatter as a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not authorized by the property owner, landlord or tenant to occupy the unit and provides remedies for property owner including police assistance to remove a squatter.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2719](#)**

**BY Bissailon, Quezada**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOMICIDE {LC5480/1}

(Prohibits the imposition of a sentence of life without parole upon any person twenty-one (21) years of age or younger.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2981](#)**

**BY Valverde, McKenney, DiMario, Lauria, Murray**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME

{LC5462/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3037](#)**

**BY Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, de la Cruz, Thompson, Tikoian**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT

{LC5469/1} (Prohibits individual who operates a recreational vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner which hinders the movement of other vehicles with a group of 2 more vehicles be guilty of felony, punishable by imprisonment up to 2.5 years and fine up to \$2,000.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3167](#)**

**BY Patalano, Raptakis, Thompson, LaMountain, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Dimitri, Burke, Paolino**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT,

FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC6137/1} (Provides that when two or more individuals associate to accomplish the crime of shoplifting, that they would be deemed to be associated for the particular purpose of shoplifting and be guilty of a felony.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3263](#)**

(General Treasurer)

**BY LaMountain**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES

COMPENSATION {LC4671/1} (Permits victims of stalking to recover for expenses related to relocation or home modification under the crime victim compensation program.)

05/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2159](#)**

**BY Kallman, Mack, Quezada, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario, Tikoian, Pearson, Urso, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE {LC3696/1}** (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.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2308](#)**

**BY Quezada, Acosta, Kallman, Bissaillon, Mack, Valverde, Bell, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE {LC3991/1}** (Provides that prisoners who committed offenses prior to age 18 and were sentenced as adults be eligible for parole after completing 15 yrs of their sentence. Would not lengthen parole eligibility should prisoner be eligible for parole earlier than 15 yrs.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2977](#)**

**BY Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE CONFINEMENT OVERSIGHT ACT {LC5500/1}** (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2984](#)**

**BY Kallman, Bissaillon, DiMario, Murray, Britto, Lauria, Acosta, Valverde, Gallo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC5312/1}** (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2990](#)**

**BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST {LC5729/1}** (Designates certain program workers and shift coordinators at the training school as peace officers while on duty.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2991](#)**

**BY Mack, Kallman, Acosta, Valverde, Ujifusa, Bell**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT -- THE WILLIE WASHINGTON, JR. ACT {LC3391/1} (Mandates all department of corrections staff with direct supervision roles to wear body cameras while on duty in their assigned facility.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Resolution No. [2993](#)**

**BY Mack, Kallman, Acosta**

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF BAIL REFORMS ON BLACK RHODE ISLANDERS AND THE STATE {LC3398/1} (Creates an 11 member commission to analyze the impact and potential economic benefits of bail reforms on Black Rhode Islanders, and would report back by February 5, 2027, and expire on April 5, 2027.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3046](#)**

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**BY Patalano, Dimitri, Raptakis, Appollonio, Tikoian, Urso, Burke, de la Cruz**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- JAILS AND PRISONS {LC5364/1} (Prohibits individuals from conveying items to or from the training school for youth without prior consent by the executive director of the division of youth development at the department of children, youth and families.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2055](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Patalano, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Ciccone**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND REFLECTORS {LC3492/1} (Allows vehicles owned and operated by the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc and/or its affiliates or subsidiaries to operate with forward facing red and white emergency lights.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2303](#)**

**BY Quezada, Acosta, Kallman, Bissailon, Valverde, Bell, Pearson, DiMario, Zurier, Mack**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 {LC3993/1} (Amends the comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015 to require an annual study by an outside agency chosen by the department.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**Senate Bill No. [2291 SUB A](#)**  
{LC4389/A/1}

### **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 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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**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE: MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026, 3:12 PM**