

# DOC Legislative Update-March 27th

## Update on DOC request bills. . .

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SB412-creates a single list of violent crimes in statute.

Authors=Senator Rick Brinkley, Representative Scott Biggs

- *SB412 was heard on the Senate floor and passed 40-0. It was assigned to the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee and is waiting a hearing.*

HB1630-relates to receiving offenders from county jails (**Formally SB116**)

Authors=Representative Lisa Billy, Senator Don Barrington

- *HB1630 has been assigned to the Senate Public Safety Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee and is awaiting a hearing.*

SB54-allows employees with the Inspector General and Probation and Parole to keep their firearms when they retire.

Authors=Senator Kim David, Representative Sean Roberts

- *SB54 was heard on the Senate floor and passed 45-0. It was assigned to the House Public Safety committee and is waiting a hearing.*

### Capitol Updates-Week 8

- The Senate Public Safety committee voted on nominations for two new Board of Corrections members. They approved Irma Newburn and Matt Tilly who will now be voted on by the full Senate
- Members of the House were shown the documentary Bassett Tales, about the Mabel Bassett dog program. 11 members attended and the response was positive.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- **April 9th**-Deadline for reporting House bills out of the Senate committees and Senate bills out of the House committees

## Legislation being monitored by DOC

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DOC is actively monitoring all legislation being presented at the Capitol that could affect our agency. Below are a few of the bills we are watching. By listing these bills we are not stating our support or lack of support for any piece of legislation. *If you don't see a bill on this list then it likely is inactive.*

HB1879-requires death sentences to be carried out by nitrogen hypoxia if lethal injection is held unconstitutional.

Authors: Representative Mike Christian and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Passed the Senate Judiciary committee on 3/24*

HB1047-makes aggravated child pornography an 85% crime

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Kim David

- *Passed the Senate Public Safety committee on 3/18*

HB1046-allows reduction of fees for certain offenses under certain circumstances

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Passed the House floor, has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary committee*

HB1687-changes how we administer high school equivalency tests

Authors: Representative Lee Denney and Senator Jim Halligan

- *Passed the Senate Education committee on 3/23. Now has to be heard by the Senate Appropriations committee.*

HB1518-gives judges the ability to go outside minimum sentences and send an offender to alternative programs

Author: Representative Pam Peterson and Senator Wayne Shaw

- *Passed the House floor on March 11<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 76-16. Was assigned to the Senate Public Safety committee.*

SB38-allows for offenders with no reasonable risk to be considered for medical parole

Authors: Senator Wayne Shaw and Representative Pam Peterson

- *Passed Senate floor on 2/25 with a vote of 47-0. It has been assigned to the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee.*

SB578-allows terminally ill offenders to be paroled to private nursing homes

Author: Wayne Shaw and Representative Doug Cox

- *Passed Senate floor on March 11<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 35-7. Has been assigned to the House Approp. And Budget committee.*

SB55-makes reaching for a police officer's firearm a felony

Author: Senator Kim David and Representative Lisa Billy

- *Passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections on 3/18.*

SB97-prohibits a correctional facility from being within city limits without approval from the city

Author: Senator Jack Fry and Representative Charlie Joyner

- *Passed the Senate floor on March 12<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 43-0. Has been assigned to the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee.*

SB525-Allows DOC employees, with a license to carry a firearm, to have their firearms in their vehicles if they notify the facility and show that they have an approved lock box

Author: Senator Ralph Shortey

- *Passed the Senate floor on March 11<sup>th</sup> with a vote of 41-0. Has been assigned to the House Public Safety committee.*

SB764-Community sentencing planning council

Author: Senator Anthony Sykes and Representative Randy Grau

- *Passed the House Judiciary and Civil Procedure committee on 3/26.*

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