

# DOC Legislative Update-April 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 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 is scheduled to be heard in the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee on April 8th.*

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

Authors=Representative Lisa Billy, Senator Don Barrington

- *HB1630 passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on March 31st and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

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 9

- The Senate Public Safety committee approved Todd Holder's nomination to the Board of Corrections. He will now be voted on by the full Senate.
- The full Senate approved the nominations of Irma Newburn and Matt Tilley to the Board of Corrections.

### 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, awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations committee*

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 and the Senate Appropriations committee. It's awaiting a hearing on the Senate floor.*

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 the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee on April 1.*

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

Author: Wayne Shaw and Representative Doug Cox

- *Passed House Public Safety on 3/26. It will now have to be heard in the House Appropriations and Budget Committee.*

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

Author: Senator Kim David and Representative Lisa Billy

- *This has passed both the House and the Senate and has been received by the Governor for her signature.*

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

Author: Senator Jack Fry and Representative Charlie Joyner

- *On the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee agenda for April 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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. Awaiting a heard on the House floor.*

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