

DOC Legislative Update-April 17th

Update on DOC request bills. . .

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

Authors=Senator Rick Brinkley, Representative Scott Biggs

- *SB412 passed the House Criminal Justice and Corrections committee with no amendments and the next step is for it to be heard on the House floor.*

HB1630/SB684-relates to receiving offenders from county jails

Authors=Representative Lisa Billy, Senator Don Barrington, Speaker Jeff Hickman and Senator Clark Jolley

- *HB1630 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and is waiting for a hearing on the Senate floor. SB684 Passed the House Appropriations Committee and is on the House agenda and should be heard soon. Both bills do the same thing and are being supported by the Department.*

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 sent to the Governor on April 16th for her signature or veto. Deadline for the Governor to take action is 4/22/2015.*

Capitol Updates- Week 11

- Regular committees are done meeting so the rest of the session will be floor work, budget work and conference committees.
- We saw a lot of action from the Governor this week on signing or vetoing bills. Expect to see more of that.

Upcoming Deadlines

- **April 23rd-Deadline for bills to pass the floor of the opposite chamber**

Legislation being monitored by DOC

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.*

AWAITING THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE:

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

- *Sent to the Governor on April 13th. Deadline for her to take action is April 18th.*
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SB97-prohibits a correctional facility from being within city limits without approval from the city
Author: Senator Jack Fry and Representative Charlie Joyner

- *Sent to the Governor on April 16th. Deadline for her to take action is April 22nd.*

GOVERNOR'S ACTION TAKEN:

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

Authors: Senator Wayne Shaw and Representative Pam Peterson

- *Signed by the Governor on April 13th*

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

Author: Senator Kim David and Representative Lisa Billy

- *Signed by the Governor on April 7th*

EVERYTHING ELSE:

HB1047-makes aggravated child pornography an 85% crime

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Kim David

- *Passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, awaiting a hearing on the Senate floor*

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

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Passed both the House and Senate, waiting to be sent to the Governor*

HB1687-changes how we administer high school equivalency tests

Authors: Representative Lee Denney and Senator Jim Halligan

- *Passed both the Senate and House. The House will have to send it to committee to restore the title, then it can be sent to the Governor.*

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 Senate Public Safety committee, waiting for a hearing on the Senate floor*

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

Author: Wayne Shaw and Representative Doug Cox

- *Passed both chambers. Senate will have to approve or deny amendments made in the House before it's sent to the Governor.*

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 House Public Safety committee, waiting for a hearing on the House floor.*

SB764-Community sentencing planning council

Author: Senator Anthony Sykes and Representative Randy Grau

- *Passed both the House and Senate. The Senate will have to approve or deny the House amendments before it is sent to the Governor.*

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