

# DOC Legislative Update-May 15th

## 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 has cleared the Senate conference committee and is waiting to be signed out of the House conference committee.*

HB1630-relates to receiving offenders from county jails  
Authors=Representative Lisa Billy, Senator Don Barrington

- *HB1630 was SIGNED by the Governor on May 12<sup>th</sup>!!!!*

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 SIGNED by the Governor on April 21<sup>st</sup>!!!!*

### Capitol Updates- Week 15

- It appears that lawmakers are closer to an agreement on the budget. As of 2PM on 5/15 there was no budget.
- Lawmakers still have a goal of adjourning Sine Die on May 22nd. In order for that to happen they will have to release a budget by Monday.

### Upcoming Deadlines

- May 19th-deadline to submit first conference committee reports on House measures
- May 29th at 5p.m.-Deadline for lawmaker to adjourn Sine Die

## 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.*

### AWAITING GOVERNOR ACTION:

SB764-Community sentencing planning council  
Authors: Senator Anthony Sykes and Representative Randy Grau

- *Sent to the Governor on 5/13. Deadline for her to take action is 5/19*

### GOVERNOR'S ACTION TAKEN:

HB1044-creates an employee incentive to suggest cost savings measures for the Department  
Authors: Representative Walker and Senator Treat

- *Signed by the Governor*

HB2187-allows Pardon and Parole to release offenders on GPS

Authors: Speaker Jeff Hickman and Senator A.J. Griffin

- *Signed by the Governor*

HB1047-makes aggravated child pornography an 85% crime

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Kim David

- *Signed by the Governor*

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

Author: Wayne Shaw and Representative Doug Cox

- *Signed by the Governor on May 1<sup>st</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

- *Signed by the Governor on May 1st. This bill does not take effect until November 1, 2015.*

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

- *Signed by the Governor on May 4th*

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

Authors: Representative Scott Biggs and Senator Anthony Sykes

- *Governor Vetoed on April 24th*

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

- *Signed by the Governor on April 17th.*

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

Author: Senator Jack Fry and Representative Charlie Joyner

- *Signed by the Governor on April 21st.*

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:

HB1687-changes how we administer high school equivalency tests

Authors: Representative Lee Denney and Senator Jim Halligan

- *Conference Report passed the House floor on 5/15, however the emergency failed and the author served notice that she is going to re-consider that vote.*

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