



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 594**

February Session, 2026

Senate Bill No. 504

*Senate, April 13, 2026*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAWS OF THIS STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) There is established a working group  
2 to study the laws of criminal procedure of this state. Such study shall  
3 include, at a minimum, a review of title 54 of the general statutes for the  
4 purpose of recommending legislative changes to said title. The working  
5 group shall consist of the following members who have expertise in  
6 laws of criminal procedure: (1) One appointed by the speaker of the  
7 House of Representatives; (2) one appointed by the president pro  
8 tempore of the Senate; (3) one appointed by the majority leader of the  
9 House of Representatives; (4) one appointed by the majority leader of  
10 the Senate; (5) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
11 Representatives; and (6) one appointed by the minority leader of the  
12 Senate. The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
13 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary  
14 shall serve as the administrative staff for the working group. Not later

15 than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a report on its  
16 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
17 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
18 judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
19 general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it  
20 submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill creates working group to study criminal procedure laws resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the working group has the expertise needed to meet the requirements of the bill.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36    Nay 5    (03/30/2026)