



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 595

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Senate Bill No. 505

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 LAWS OF THIS STATE CONCERNING ISSUES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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 this state concerning issues of criminal justice. Such
3 study shall include, at a minimum, a review of titles 18, 53, 53a and 54
4 of the general statutes for the purpose of recommending legislative
5 changes to said titles. The working group shall consist of the following
6 members who have expertise in criminal law and procedure and the
7 criminal justice system: (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House
8 of Representatives; (2) one appointed by the president pro tempore of
9 the Senate; (3) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of
10 Representatives; (4) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
11 (5) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of
12 Representatives; and (6) one appointed by the minority leader of the
13 Senate. The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary

15 shall serve as the administrative staff for the working group. Not later
16 than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a report on its
17 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
19 judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
20 general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it
21 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 a working group to study laws related to criminal justice resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the working group has the expertise needed to meet the requirements of the bill.

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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

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