

Madame Chair and Leg. Counsel,

Ref. S.036 and a new requirement that DPS report out annually on instances where new crime has been charged:

I wanted to pre-emptively point out that in order for DPS to create a report, there will need to be new statute designations to distinguish these crimes from the "usual" assault, criminal threatening, etc. Altering Rule 3 to allow for unwitnessed arrest will not create a paper trail of which arrests relate to this new area of interest.

Otherwise, we would need a list of every address for every facility you wish to receive a report about across the State. Would this include dental, chiropractic, counseling and PT offices? We would then need to investigate each disorderly conduct, threatening and assault case at the corresponding addresses to discern which were perpetrated against a protected party rather than a fellow patient or visitor.

I understand the desire to know how this has played out once implemented. We are happy to help sort this out in order to be able to give you what you want on the back end. Thanks so much for considering this input.

Best,  
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