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Wednesday, February 9, 2022

37th DAY OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION

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An act relating to leave for crime victims

Rep. Stevens of Waterbury, for the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 472c is amended to read:

§ 472c. LEAVE; ALLEGED CRIME VICTIMS; RELIEF FROM STALKING OR ABUSE

(a) As used in this section:

(1)(A) “Alleged victim” means a person who is alleged in an affidavit filed by a law enforcement official with a prosecuting attorney of competent state or federal jurisdiction to have sustained physical, emotional, or financial injury or death as a direct result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or act of delinquency. The term “alleged victim” also includes a family member of such a person if the person:

(i) is a minor;

(ii) has been found to be incompetent;

(iii) is alleged to have suffered physical or emotional injury as a result of the violent crime or act of delinquency; or

(iv) was killed as a result of the alleged crime or act of delinquency.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(1):

(i) “Family member” means an individual who is not identified in the affidavit as the defendant and is the alleged victim’s:

(I) child, foster child, or stepchild;

(II) ward who lives with the alleged victim;

(III) spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner;

(IV) sibling;

(V) grandparent;

(VI) grandchild;

(VII) parent or a parent of the alleged victim’s spouse, domestic partner, or civil union partner;

(VIII) legal guardian; or

(IX) an individual for whom the alleged victim stands in loco parentis or who stood in loco parentis for the alleged victim when the alleged victim was a child.

(ii) “Domestic partner” has the same meaning as in 17 V.S.A. § 2414.

(iii) “In loco parentis” means an individual for whom the alleged victim has day-to-day responsibilities to care for and financially support, or, in the case of the alleged victim, an individual who had such responsibility for the alleged victim when the alleged victim was a child.

(iv) “Violent crime” means a “listed crime” as that term is defined in 13 V.S.A. § 5301(7) and any comparable offense in another jurisdiction.

(2) “Employer” means an individual, organization, governmental body, partnership, association, corporation, legal representative, trustee, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, and any common carrier by rail, motor, water, air, or express company doing business in or operating within this State.

~~(2)(3)~~ “Employee” means a person who ~~is a crime victim as defined in section 495d of this chapter and~~, in consideration of direct or indirect gain or profit, has been continuously employed by the same employer for a period of six months for an average of at least 20 hours per week.

(b) In addition to the leave provided in section 472 of this title, an employee shall be entitled to take unpaid leave from employment for the purpose of attending a deposition or court proceeding related to:

(1) a criminal proceeding, when the employee is a an alleged victim as ~~defined in 13 V.S.A. § 5301~~ and the employee has a right or obligation to appear at the proceeding;

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(**Committee Vote: 11-0-0**)

Senate Proposal of Amendment to House Proposal of Amendment

S. 30

An act relating to prohibiting possession of firearms within hospital buildings

The Senate concurs in the House proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment thereto as follows::

In Sec. 2, 13 V.S.A. § 4019, by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person shall not transfer a firearm to another person if:

(1) the transfer requires a background check under this section or under federal law; and

(2) the licensed dealer facilitating the transfer has not been provided with a unique identification number for the transfer by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

(For House Proposal of Amendment see House Journal January 27, 2022)

For Informational Purposes

Crossover Deadline

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and on Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 11, 2022**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 11, 2022**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House

Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and on Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 18, 2022**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation capital bill, the Capital Construction bill, and the Fee/Revenue bills).

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearings on the Governor’s recommended Fiscal Year 2023 State budget

Joint House and Senate Committees on Appropriations

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public and advocate input on the Governor’s recommended FY 2023 State budget and will hold two public hearings via videoconference.

Anyone interested in testifying should **sign-up in advance of the hearings through ONE of the online forms no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022**. Instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent once you have signed up for one of the hearings. Time limits for testimony may apply depending on volume of participants.

Link to **form to sign-up for February 8, 2022**:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/fy22-budget-adjustment-hearing-feb-8>

Link to **form to sign-up for February 9, 2022**:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/fy22-budget-adjustment-hearing-feb-9>

Both hearings will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/vermont-joint-fiscal> or your local access community cable channel. You can find your local channel at the following link: <https://vermontaccess.net/amo/>

For more information about the format of these events, contact Chrissy Gilhuly at cgilhuly@leg.state.vt.us or Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or call 802-828-2295 or toll-free within Vermont at 1-800-322-5616 (responses to phone calls may be delayed). Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted electronically to Chrissy or Theresa through e-mail or mailed to the House and Senate Committee on Appropriations, c/o Joint Fiscal Office, 1 Baldwin Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-5701.

Joint Assembly

February 17, 2022 - 10:30 a.m. – Election of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

Candidates for the positions of trustee must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** not later than February 10, 2022 , by 4:30 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.