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H. 410.

An act relating to the calculation of recidivism and other related criminology measures.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Norris for the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill in Sec. 1, 13 V.S.A. chapter 233, in section 8121, in the fourth sentence, by striking out “clock for calculating” and after the word “recidivism” by inserting “calculation”

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal of March 19, 2026, page 3401)

Reported favorably by Senator Norris for the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee recommends that the bill ought to pass in concurrence with proposal of amendment as recommended by the Committee on Judiciary.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 181.

An act relating to eliminating the requirement for a presentence investigation for imposition of a deferred sentence.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill in Sec. 1, 13 V.S.A. § 7041, by inserting a new subdivision to be subdivision (a)(3) to read as follows:

(3) If the offense is not a listed crime as provided in subdivision 5301(7) of this title, the court may, at its discretion, order a presentence investigation.

NOTICE CALENDAR

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 519.

An act relating to Vermont State Employees' Retirement System Group G membership.

Reported favorably by Senator Collamore for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal of March 18, 2026, pages 3339-3344)

Reported favorably by Senator Hardy for the Committee on Finance.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

H. 723.

An act relating to posting of land.

Reported favorably by Senator Williams for the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(For House amendments, see House Journal of March 17, 2026, pages 3271-3272)

ORDERED TO LIE

S. 26.

An act relating to prohibiting certain artificial dyes in foods and beverages served or sold at school.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTICE

Concurrent Resolutions For Notice Under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House. They will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

H.C.R. 252-261 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for April 16, 2026)

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Utility Commission and the Cannabis Control Board, underlined below, shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Pamela Loranger of Colchester, VT – Member of the Transportation Board –
By Senator Brennan for the Committee on Transportation (April 15, 2026)

Mark Nicholson of Danville, VT – Member of the Transportation Board – By
Senator White for the Committee on Transportation (April 15, 2026)

Robert Robinson of Cambridge, VT – Member of the Transportation Board –
By Senator Westman for the Committee on Transportation (April 16, 2026)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Announcement: Public Hearing on Proposal 4 – Equal Rights Amendment

Room 11, Broadcast via YouTube

The House Committee on Judiciary will hold a **public hearing on April 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in Room 11 of the State House. Those interested in testifying may attend the hearing in person or virtually.

The Committee will take testimony on Proposal 4, a proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution to specify that the government must not deny equal treatment under the law on account of a person's race, ethnicity, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or national origin. **Anyone interested in testifying must sign up in advance of the hearing through the following online form no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 20.** For those planning to testify, instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent the morning of the hearing. Each participant will be given 3 minutes to testify.

Online sign-up form: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/house-judiciary-public-hearing-regarding-prop-4>

For those not planning to testify, the hearing will be available to watch live on YouTube using the following link:
<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-judiciary>

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted through email to testimony@leg.state.vt.us or mailed to the House Committee on Judiciary, c/o Megan Cannella, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633. For more information about the format of this event, contact Megan Cannella at Megan.Cannella@vtleg.gov.

JFO NOTICE

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3):

JFO #3276: Twelve (12) limited-service positions to the Agency of Human Services, various departments, to staff the Rural Health Transformation Initiative. The Rural Health Transformation grant, JFO #3272 was approved at the Joint Fiscal Committee meeting on February 6, 2026. All limited-service positions are expected to be funded through 9/30/2031.

[Received March 31, 2026]

FOR INFORMATION ONLY
CROSSOVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following crossover deadlines:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 13, 2026**, 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 13, 2026**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 20, 2026**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Note: The Senate will not act on bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

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).