

2019-2020 Session

Change Session ▼

Senate Committee on Judiciary

(Room 1)

The Senate Committee on Judiciary has jurisdiction over matters relating to judicial and legal affairs; and motor vehicle and homeowner liability insurance.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Friday, January 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:45 AM	Committee Discussion
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10:00 AM	Discussion of Cannabis Regulation Draft
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Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM Break

11:00 AM Discussion of Upcoming Bills

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**- After the Report from the Governor's Advisory Commission on
Floor Marijuana**

Thomas D. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

Craig Bolio, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of
Taxes

Tom Little, Co Chair, VT Marijuana Commission
Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,
Department of Health
Jake Perkinson, Co Chair, VT Marijuana Commission

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM Report on VT Sex Offender Registry

Jeremy Hill, Commander, Bureau of Criminal
Investigations

9:30 AM Restorative Justice Grant Program Report

Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary, Agency of
Education

Meg Porcella, Education Programs Coordinator, Agency
of Education

10:30 AM Break

11:00 AM Earned Good Time Report

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Monica Weeber, Director of Administrative Services,
Department of Corrections

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM CHINS Reform Work Group Report

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Erica Marthage, State's Attorney, Bennington County

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Improvements to our Child Protections System

Larry Crist, Executive Director, VT Parent
Representation Center,Inc

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Friday, January 18, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM Racial Biased Incident Reporting System

T.J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Gary Scott, Captain, Vermont State Police

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Racial Biased Incident Reporting System

Maya Berry, Executive Director, Arab American Institute

Kai Wiggins, Policy Analyst, Arab American Institute

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM Senate Protocols and Floor Decorum

9:30 AM Senate Floor

- After the S.19 - An act relating to violent habitual criminals

Floor *Walk-through*

David Cahill, State's Attorney, Windsor County

Tom Dalton, Executive Director, Vermonters for Criminal
Justice Reform

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.17 - An act relating to filing fees for petitions to expunge or seal a criminal history record
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Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Mairead O'Reilly, Poverty Law Fellow, Vermont Legal
Aid

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations, Office of
Court Administrator

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM Cannabis Regulation

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement
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Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association
Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

James Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and
Casualty Insurance Association

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Wendy Knight, Commissioner, Department of Tourism
and Marketing, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, VT Association of Justice
David Seligman, Director, Towards Justice

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement

Seamus Duffy, Attorney, New England Cable &
Telecommunications Association (NECTA)

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring
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Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director,
Vermont Natural Resources Council

Emily Joselson, Attorney, Vermont Association for
Justice

Michael O'Grady, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM	Break
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11:00 AM	S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement
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Tom Aicher, Attorney, Recreation Industry

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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Ethan Allen Room

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

**-After the
Floor**

S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring

James Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and
Casualty Insurance Association

John Hollar, Lobbyist, Vermont Insurance Agents
Association

Elena Mihaly, Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial
Regulation

Ken Rumelt, Attorney, Vermont Law School

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM **S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis**

Ed Abrahams, Vice Chair, Great Barrington MA Select
board

Laura Subin, Director, Vermont Coalition to Regulate
Marijuana

9:45 AM Break

10:15 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Thomas D. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

Craig Bolio, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of
Taxes

Cary Giguere, Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of
Health

Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley
Dispensary, Inc.

Monique McHenry, Executive Director, VT Patients
Alliance

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Matt Simon, Marijuana Policy Project

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht, Field Organizer, Rural Vermont

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

T.J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Andrew Freedman, Consultant, Freedman and Koski

Eli Harrington, Founder and COO, Heady Vermont

David Nathan, MD, Doctors for Cannabis Regulation

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Charles Martin, Government Affairs Director, VT Chamber of Commerce

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, VT Association for Justice

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, AT&T

Dean Thompson, Vice President, Enterprise Holdings

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.20 - An act relating to bank robbery

Clay Adams, President & CEO, Mascoma Bank

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christine Martin, Security Officer, Northfield Bank

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring**

James Bolduc, President, Bolduc Auto Salvage

Chris Carrigan, Vice President of Business

Development, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Jon Groveman, Vermont Natural Resources Council

William Moore, President and CEO, Central Vermont
Chamber of Commerce

11:30 AM **Committee Discussion and Mark Up**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM **S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical
Society

John Hollar, Lobbyist, , Marijuana Dispensaries

Simha Ravven, Interim Chief Medical Officer, Brattleboro
Retreat and Vice President, Vermont Medical
Society

David Silberman, Attorney, Middlebury

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis**

Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, NORML

Josh Decatur, CEO, Trace Vermont

Christopher Dudzik, President, NJ DRE Association

Robin Joy, Director of Reserach, Crime Research Group

Joe Veldon, Cannabis Farmer, 7 Leaf Genetics

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Committee discussion of issues flagged during testimony

Carol Daigle, Vermont Citizen

Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley
Dispensary, Inc.

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Cove, Working Vermont,
and AARP-VT

Laura Subin, Director, Vermont Coalition to Regulate
Marijuana

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Mark up

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM Recommendations for Woodside Facility

Judith Christensen, Professor of Psychological Science,
University of Vermont

Jim Henry, SEALL Inc

Karen Shea, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services
Division, Department for Children and Families

Jay Simmons, Director, Woodside Correctional Facility

Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel, Department for
Children and Families

9:45 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Committee Discussion

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Public Safety

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement

Jeff Couture, Executive Director, Vermont Technology
Alliance

Hal Ellms, Pinnacle Outdoor Group

Mark Heyman, General Counsel, Logic Supply

Molly Mahar, President, Vermont Ski Areas Association

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:00 AM	S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring
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William Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of Vermont

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy,
Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Emily Joselson, Attorney, Langrock, Sperry & Wool

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

- **Committee Discussion and Mark Up with Leg Council**

12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

Senator Ashe's Challenge to Reduce the Prison Population

Sen. Tim Ashe

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

10:30 AM

Break

11:00 AM

S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Mark up with Leg Council

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	S.132 - An act relating to hate crimes and bias incidents
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John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

T.J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

10:00 AM	Break
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10:15 AM	Racial Bias Bill
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Tony Facos, Chief, Montpelier Police Department,
Vermont Police Association

Rick Gauthier, Director, VT Criminal Justice Training
Council

Ingrid Jonas, Major, Vermont State Police

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police
Association

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

Chloe White, Policy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Kai Wiggins, Policy Analyst, Arab American Institute

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 15, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis
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Mark up

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM	S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring
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Mark up

William Driscoll, Vice President, Associated Industries of
Vermont

Ken Rumelt, Attorney, Vermont Law School

10:15 AM Break

10:45 AM S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Vote

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring

Mark up

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

10:00 AM S.133 - An act relating to juvenile jurisdiction

Dale Cook, Field Services Director, Department of
Corrections

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel, Department for
Children and Families

11:15 AM S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement

Mark up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.105 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Jeffrey Wallin, Director, Vermont Crime Information
Center, Department of Public Safety

10:15 AM Break

10:45 AM Sentencing Commission Recommendations on Deferred Sentencing

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of
State's, Sheriff's and Special Investigative Units

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Vince Illuzzi, State's Attorney, Essex and Orleans
County

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Judge Thomas Zonay

11:30 AM **S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement**

Mark up and Vote

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for
Justice

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM **S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis**

Walk through

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Lucie Garand, Lobbyist, Greenwich Bio Sciences

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Cannabis Trade
Association

9:45 AM **S.112 - An act relating to earned good time**

Walk through

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

Monica Weeber, Director of Administrative Services,
Department of Corrections

10:25 AM Adjourn

**10:30 AM Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector
General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural
College**

Joint Assembly

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.132 - An act relating to hate crimes and bias incidents

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police
Association

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

9:30 AM S.132 - An act relating to hate crimes and bias incidents

Mark up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:15 AM Break

**10:30 AM S.105 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary
procedures**

Mark up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **Review Firearms Related Bills**

S.1, S.2, S.13,S.22,S.72

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **Commission Discussion**

Possible Public Hearing/When and Where

11:00 AM **S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring**

Mark up and Vote

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM **Visit from the Twin Valley Students**

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM

S.105 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of
State's, Sheriff's and Special Investigative Units

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

10:00 AM

Break

10:30 AM

S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis

Jessa Bernard, Vermont Medical Society

Anthony Brach, Director of Operations, VT Patients
Alliance

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management

Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley
Dispensary, Inc.

Rob McFadden

11:30 AM S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis

Mark up

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.112 - An act relating to earned good time

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Vincent Illuzzi, Attorney/Lobbyist, VSEA

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

9:30 AM Break

10:00 AM Firearms Bills

S.1,S.2,S.13,S.22

The Committee will be moving to Room 10

Rebecca Bell, MD, FAAP, Pediatric Intensivist, University
of Vermont Medical Center, On behalf of Vermont
Medical Society

Alyssa Black

Rob Black

Chris S. Bradley, President, Vermont Federation of
Sportsmen's Clubs

Ed Cutler, President, Gun Owners of Vermont

Bill Moore, Firearms Policy Analyst, Vermont Traditions
Coalition

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	S.133 - An act relating to juvenile jurisdiction
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Mark up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist

Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

10:15 AM Adjourn

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

The General Assembly is on break for the week of Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:00 AM	Committee Discussion <i>Public Hearing</i>
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10:15 AM	S.132 - An act relating to hate crimes and bias incidents <i>Mark Up</i>
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Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

-	S.105 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures
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Amendments

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel
Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and
Agricultural Resource Management
Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office
Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Cannabis Trade
Association

12:00 PM Adjourn

5:30 PM Public Hearing on Firearm Bills

*Vermont Technical College
Judd Hall
Randolph VT*

7:30 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	Firearms Bills
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S.1 S.2, S.13, S.22

Room 11

Chris S. Bradley, President, Vermont Federation of
Sportsmen's Clubs

Devon Craig, Former President, Barre Fish and Game
Club

Sen. Ruth Hardy

Clai Lasher-Sommers, Executive Director, Gun Sense
Vermont

Bill Smith, , National Shooting Sports Federation

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.72 - An act relating to extreme risk protection orders

Karen Barber, Legal Counsel, Department of Mental
Health

Christopher Barsotti, Emergency Room Physician

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

11:30 AM S.72 - An act relating to extreme risk protection orders

Mark up

Derek Gowen, NRA

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	S.112 - An act relating to earned good time
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Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim Services

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Vince Illuzzi, State's Attorney, Essex and Orleans County

Liz Scharnetzski, Research Analyst, Department of Corrections

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Monica Weeber, Director of Administrative Services, Department of Corrections

9:15 AM	S.112 - An act relating to earned good time
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Mark up

-	S.133 - An act relating to juvenile jurisdiction
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Amendment

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Cannabis Trade
Association

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

Chloe White, Policy Director, ACLU of Vermont

10:00 AM Break

**10:15 AM S.105 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary
procedures**

Mark up and possible vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	S.1 - An act relating to repealing a sunset related to transporting large capacity ammunition feeding devices into Vermont for shooting competitions
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Mark up and possible vote

Chris S. Bradley, President, Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

Ed Cutler, President, Gun Owners of Vermont

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **S.72 - An act relating to extreme risk protection orders**

Bill Moore, Firearms Policy Analyst, Vermont Traditions Coalition

Sen. John Rodgers

10:00 AM	Break
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10:15 AM	S.117 - An act relating to the therapeutic use of cannabis
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Vote

11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

11:20 AM

**H.19 - An act relating to sexual exploitation of a person
in law enforcement officer custody**

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	H.511 - An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations
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Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

Rep. Martin LaLonde, Sponsor, South Burlington

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

10:00 AM	Break
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10:30 AM	H.7 - An act relating to second degree aggravated domestic assault
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Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Robert Lucas, Lieutenant, Vermont State Police

Tracy Shriver, State's Attorney, Windham County State's
Attorneys

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	H.146 - An act relating to increasing the number of examiners on the Board of Bar Examiners from nine to 11 members
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Rashida Butler, Office of Legislative Counsel

Keith Kasper, Chair, Board of Bar Examiners, Vermont
Bar Association

9:15 AM	Senate Amendments
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Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

Evan Hughes, Lobbyist, Vermont Federation of
Sportsmen's Clubs

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

10:30 AM Adjourn

Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

**8:45 AM S.99 - An act relating to spousal support and
maintenance reform**

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission
on Women

Martin Feldman

Rick Fleming, Vermont Alimony Reform

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

10:15 AM Break

10:45 AM **S.169 - An act relating to firearms procedures**

Sears and McNeil Amendments

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sen. James McNeil, Sponsor

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

No Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM Update on VT Human Trafficking Laws

Lance Burnham, Department of Public Safety

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James Dold, , Human Rights for Kids

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police
Association

10:25 AM Adjourn

10:30 AM Retention of Superior Judges and Magistrates

Joint Assembly

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and Judiciary related amendments
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John Ajamie

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Hon. Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Office of
Chief Superior Judge

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Michael Rosenthal

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner,
Department for Children and Families

11:15 AM DOC ID for Prisoners and Status

Cheryl Eliovirta, Facilities Operations Manager, VT
Department of Corrections

Wanda Minoli, Commissioner, Department of Motor
Vehicles

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 29, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM **H.146 - An act relating to increasing the number of examiners on the Board of Bar Examiners from nine to 11 members**

Vote

- **H.7 - An act relating to second degree aggravated domestic assault**

Vote

9:15 AM **H.511 - An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations**

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Network

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

10:30 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:30 AM	H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records
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Walk-through

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM	Committee Discussion
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Expungement of DWI first offense

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid
Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

11:30 AM	Human Trafficking
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Amanda Cochrane, Executive Director, Umbrella
Amanda Rhodenburg, Program Director, Outright, VT

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**8:45 AM H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of
criminal history records**

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Public Safety

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim Services

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Laura La Rosa, Program Manager, Trial Court Operations

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Mairead O'Reilly, Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Chloe White, Policy Director, ACLU of Vermont

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM Human Trafficking

Diane Derby, Field Representative, Sen. Patrick Leahy

T.J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

**9:15 AM H.321 - An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a
firefighter or an emergency medical provider**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Peeker Heffernan, President, Vermont State
Firefighters' Association

Rep. Brian K. Savage, Sponsor

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

10:00 AM Break

**10:30 AM H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and
Judiciary related amendments**

Mark up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner,
Department for Children and Families

11:30 AM **H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records**
Committee Discussion

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM **Prison ID and Workforce Development**

Sarah Buxton, Director, Workforce Policy and
Performance, Department of Labor

Cheryl Elovirta, Supervisor, Department of Corrections

Michael Harrington, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Labor

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM

H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records

Committee Discussion

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Mairead O'Reilly, Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

10:00 AM

H.278 - An act relating to acknowledgment or denial of parentage

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Sarah Haselton, Managing Attorney, Office of Child
Support, Department for Children and Families

Wendy Morgan, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

10:45 AM H.287 - An act relating to small probate estates

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Mark Langan, Attorney, Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew,
P.C.

11:30 AM H.436 - An act relating to international wills

Mark Langan, Attorney, Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, P.C.

Stephanie Willbanks, Esq., Vermont Law School

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM Budget Presentations

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matt D'Agostino, Financial Officer, Department of
Corrections

Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Budget Presentations (Continued)

Carol Brochu, Financial Manager, Center for Crime
Victim Services

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Gregg Mousley, Chief of Finance and Administration,
Vermont Judiciary

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Defender General's
Office

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM

Rise/Decline of Hate Groups in Vermont and US

Sen. Tim Ashe

Skyler Nash , Student Athlete, University of Vermont

Garry Scott, Captain, Vermont State Police

Netdahe Stoddard, Racial/Bias/Literacy Interventionist

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

10:15 AM

Break

10:45 AM

H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing

Enrique Balcazar, Migrant worker

Lia Ernst, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union -
Vermont

Rick Gauthier, Director, VT Criminal Justice Training
Council

Will Lambek, Organizer, Migrant Justice

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Garry Scott, Captain, Vermont State Police

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	H.321 - An act relating to aggravated murder for killing a firefighter or an emergency medical provider
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Mark up and Vote

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

9:00 AM	H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and Judiciary related amendments
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Alimony Amendments

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Rick Fleming, Vermont Alimony Reform

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Court
Administrator's Office

Robert Paolini, Attorney, Vermont Bar Association

10:15 AM Break

**10:30 AM H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of
criminal history records**

Joe Arduca, State Program Director, Federal Motor
Carrier Safety Administration

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Public Safety

Frank Huard, Interested Citizen

Michael Smith, Director of Operations, Department of
Motor Vehicles

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records**

Mark up

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department
of Public Safety

Michael Smith, Director of Operations, Department of
Motor Vehicles

11:00 AM **H.278 - An act relating to acknowledgment or denial of parentage**

Mark up and possible vote

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont
Department of Health

Sara Kagle, Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:45 AM H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual abuse

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Zach Hiner, Executive Director, SNAP

Rep. Martin LaLonde, Sponsor, South Burlington

Cary Silverman, Attorney, American Tort Reform
Association

Julia Westervelt-Gresser, Licensed Clinical Social
Worker

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing

Room 11

Human Rights Commission Proposal of Amendment

Enrique Balcazar, Migrant worker

Richard Gauthier, Executive Director, VT Criminal
Justice Training Council

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Gary Scott, Captain, Vermont State Police

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

11:30 AM **H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing**

Committee Discussion

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual abuse**

Merrill Bent, Attorney, Sunrise Family Resource Center

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Financial Regulation, Insurance Division

Denise Main, Executive Director, Sunrise Family
Resource Center

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Network Against
Domestic & Sexual Violence

11:30 AM **H.511 - An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations**

Mark up

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and Judiciary related amendments
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9:15 AM	Human Trafficking
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Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:45 AM	H.511 - An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations <i>Vote</i>
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10:00 AM	Break
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10:30 AM	H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records <i>Mark up</i>
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11:30 AM

Senate Floor

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

10:00 AM

**H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and
Judiciary related amendments**

Amendments

Jessica Barquist, Director of Policy and Organizing,
Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual
Violence

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission
on Women

Amy Fleming, Vermont Alimony Reform

Rick Fleming, Vermont Alimony Reform

Brian Gearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

Hannah Lane, Policy Research Analyst and Business
Manager, Vermont Commission on Women

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**8:45 AM H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of
limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual
abuse**

John Hollar, Board Member, Prevent Child Abuse
Vermont

Jerome O'Neill, Attorney, Gravel and Shea

9:45 AM Break

**10:15 AM H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of
limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual
abuse**

Sharon Forest

Jerome O'Neill, Attorney, Gravel and Shea

Sarah Robinson, Executive Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Cary Silverman, Attorney, American Tort Reform
Association

Michael Vietch

**11:45 AM H.278 - An act relating to acknowledgment or denial of
parentage**

Review comments from Floor Amendment

Karen Vastine, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner,
Department for Children and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM Human Trafficking

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:15 AM H.460 - An act relating to sealing and expungement of criminal history records

Mark up and possible vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

9:30 AM Break

10:00 AM H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing

Ethan Allen Room

Committee Discussion

Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, , Human Rights Commsision

Will Lambek, Organizer, Migrant Justice

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police Association

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	Visit to Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center
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The Committee will be meeting with staff and residents

12:15 PM	Return for Senate Floor
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Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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11:30 AM	H.529 - An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation
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Sec 28

Evidentiary Blood Samples

Trisha Conti, Laboratory Director, Vermont Forensics
Laboratory, Department of Public Safety

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Jay Rikken, Sergeant, Vermont State Police

Tara Thomas, Lieutenant, Vermont State Police

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Will Lambek, Organizer, Migrant Justice

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police
Association

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office
Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM H.511 - An act relating to criminal statutes of limitations

Committee Discussion of Amendment

Amy Brady, Policy Associate, Voices for Vermont's
Children

Robert Paolini, Attorney, Vermont Defender General's
Office

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Reporter, Chittenden
County

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

11:00 AM Woodside and Juvenile Justice

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

**11:50 AM H.529 - An act relating to the Transportation Program
and miscellaneous changes to laws related to
transportation**

Sec 28

Evidentiary Blood Samples

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	H.287 - An act relating to small probate estates
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Mark up

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Jeffrey Kilgore, Probate Judge, Washington County

9:00 AM	H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual abuse
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Mark up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM Break

**10:30 AM H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and
Judiciary related amendments**

Mark up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Superior Court

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

11:50 AM H.57 - An act relating to preserving the right to abortion

Sec 9498

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM	H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing
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Mark up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Will Lambek, Organizer, Migrant Justice

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police Association

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission

9:15 AM	H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and Judiciary related amendments
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Mark up

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Vincent Illuzzi, Attorney/Lobbyist, VSEA

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual abuse**

Mark up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM **H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing**

Vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.112 - An act relating to earned good time

House changes

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Michael Touchette, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

9:15 AM H.330 - An act relating to repealing the statute of limitations for civil actions based on childhood sexual abuse

Mark up and possible vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Jerome O'Neill, Attorney, Gravel and Shea

Sarah Robinson, Executive Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

10:00 AM Adjourn

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM **H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and Judiciary related amendments**

Amendments

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:15 AM **S.133 - An act relating to juvenile jurisdiction**

House Changes

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

10:00 AM **Adjourn**

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM H.287 - An act relating to small probate estates

Mark up and possible vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**8:45 AM H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and
Judiciary related amendments**

9:00 AM Confirmation of Governor's Appointment

Joan Nagy as Member of Human Rights Commission

9:15 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM H.518 - An act relating to fair and impartial policing

House Changes

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

- **S.18 - An act relating to consumer justice enforcement**

House Changes

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:25 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:45 AM S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring

House Changes

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**9:00 AM H.512 - An act relating to miscellaneous court and
Judiciary related amendments**

Committee Amendment

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:15 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**10:00 AM H.743 - An act relating to providing fair access to
property insurance**

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

11:00 AM Committee Discussion

Committee Priorities for the session

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.37 - An act relating to medical monitoring
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Judge Crawford's Decision

Michael O'Grady, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Ken Rumelt, Attorney, Vermont Law School

10:00 AM	Committee Discussion with Counsel
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10:30 AM	Break
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10:45 AM	Private Contracts/Dept of Corrections
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Kim Bushey, Program Services Director, Department of
Corrections

Matt D'Agostino, Financial Officer, Department of
Corrections

Annie Ramniceanu, DOC Addiction and Mental Health
Systems Director, Department of Corrections

Monica Weeber, Director of Administrative Services,
Department of Corrections

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing
Type

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

Update on Corrections and Proposed Legislation

James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Judith Henkin, Deputy Commisioner, Department of
Corrections

Michael Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

10:00 AM

Break

10:30 AM

S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole

Tom Dalton, Executive Director, Vermonters for Criminal
Justice Reform

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Susan Lawrence, The Center for Life Without Parole
Studies

Skyler Nash , Student Activist, University of Vermont

11:30 AM Adjourn

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM Update on Justice Reinvestment 2

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

10:00 AM Break

**10:30 AM S.211 - An act relating to Department of Corrections
authority and responsibility for furloughees and for
housing young offenders**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

- **S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:30 AM **S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense**

David Cahill, State's Attorney, Windsor County

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

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Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis

Update

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

9:30 AM

Security Briefing by Capitol Police

10:00 AM

Break

10:30 AM

S.205 - An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Mairead O'Reilly, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**8:30 AM S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life
without the possibility of parole**

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM 2019 Annual Suspension Statistics Report

Discussion of what to do about individuals with pending suspensions

Hon Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Michael Smith, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM PR 7 Judiciary:Bail

David Cahill, State's Attorney, Windsor County

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Jaye Pershing-Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's
Office

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

10:15 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.275 - An act relating to training for judges assigned to
the Family Division of Superior Court**

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Introductions and Discussion

Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge, District of
Columbia Court of Appeals

Paul Reiber, Chief Justice, Vermont Supreme Court

10:30 AM S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense

Karen Barber, General Counsel, Department of Mental Health

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Margaret Bolton, Psychiatrist and Forensic Evaluator, Vermont Psychiatric Association

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Simha Ravven, Forensic Psychiatrist, Vermont Medical Society

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	S.169 - An act relating to firearms procedures
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*Veto from the Governor
Room 11*

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM	Current Research on the Effect of Gun Waiting Periods on Suicide Prevention and Public Health
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*Joint Meeting with Senate Health and Welfare Committee
Room 11*

Michael Luca, Professor, Harvard Business School
Deepak Malhotra, Professor, Harvard Business School

11:30 AM	Committee Discussion
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12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	Justice Reinvestment
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Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

- **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:00 AM **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**
T.J. Donovan, Attorney General, State of Vermont

11:00 AM **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**
Walk-through
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**
Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board
James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of Corrections
Dean George, Chair, Vermont Parole Board

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**

John Campbell, Executive Director, Mental Health Crisis
Response Commission

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

12:00 AM **Adjourn**

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment
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Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Kim Bushey, Program Services Director, Department of
Corrections

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Falko Shilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU

Karen Tronsgard-Scott, Executive Director, Vermont
Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

12:00 AM Adjourn

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity,
Agency of Administration

Karen Gennette, Executive Director, Crime Research
Group

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State
Employees Association

Dave Martinson, Probation Officer/Union
Representative, VSEA

9:45 AM Break

10:15 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of
Corrections

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Dave Martinson, Probation Officer/Union
Representative, VSEA

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:30 AM	S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment
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Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board

James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Kim Bushey, Program Services Director, Department of
Corrections

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of
Corrections

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice
Executive, Department of Corrections

Cassandra Warney, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of
State Governments Justice Center

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment
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Committee Discussion and Mark up

Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of
Corrections

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

9:45 AM	Break
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10:45 AM	S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment
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Committee Discussion and Mark Up

Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of
Corrections

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

Monica Weeber, Director of Administrative Services,
Department of Corrections

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole
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Committee discussion and possible vote

Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Azim Khamisa, Founder, Tariq Khamisa Foundation

Susan Lawrence, The Center for Life Without Parole
Studies

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Alex Sobel, Father of Crime Victim

Nick Woodall, Former Life Without Parole Prisoner

10:00 AM Break

**10:30 AM S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and
insanity as a defense**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Vote

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of Corrections

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:15 AM	S.324 - An act relating to prohibiting robocalls
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Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM	S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure
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Section 1 legal Liability

Section 3 Liability for Actions of Agents

Clare Buckley, Lobbyist, Physician Assistant Academy of
Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations,
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health
Systems

Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for
Justice

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.128 - An act relating to physician assistant licensure

Committee Discussion of Possible Amendment

Adam Necrason, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for
Justice

**9:00 AM S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and
insanity as a defense**

Karen Barber, General Counsel, Department of Mental
Health

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Lucie Garand, Lobbyist, Brattleboro Retreat

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

10:00 AM Break

**10:30 AM S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of
juvenile jurisdiction**

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole

Mark Up and Possible Vote

Meredith Berry, Concerned Citizen, Family of Crime Victim

Jade Berry, Concerned Citizen, Family of Crime Victim

Susan Car, Former Advocate for Crime Victims

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Skyler Nash , Student Activist, University of Vermont

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, VCTA

- S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Mark Up and Possible Vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

10:15 AM

Break

10:30 AM S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Brian Gearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

11:00 AM S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Brian Gearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Jack McCullough, Director of Mental Health Law
Project, Vermont Legal Aid

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.303 - An act relating to automobile minimum liability coverage

James Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and Casualty Insurance Association

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance Division

Chris Maley, Attorney, Vermont Association for Justice
VTAJ

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Smith, Operations Director, Department of Motor Vehicles

Art Woolf, VT Association for Justice

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM S.294 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records

Walk-through

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

- **S.205 - An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges**

Committee Discussion

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

10:15 AM S.324 - An act relating to prohibiting robocalls

Mark up and vote

David Hall, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM S.183 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense

Mark up and vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Jack McCullough, Director of Mental Health Law
Project, Vermont Legal Aid

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM	S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole
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Mark up and possible vote

9:15 AM	S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures
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Section re:license suspensions

Dave Evans, Chief of Driver Improvement, Department
of Motor Vehicles

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Gregg Mousley, Chief of Finance and Administration,
Vermont Judiciary

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

10:15 AM Break

**10:45 AM S.316 - An act relating to execution of wills during an
emergency**

Sen. Becca Balint, Sponsor

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Amendments

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:15 AM	S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction
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Woodside

Melanie D'Amico, Specialized Services Manager,
Department for Children and Families

James Henry, SEALL Inc

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State
Employees Association

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Family
Services Division, Department for Children and
Families

Matt Messier, Youth Counselor, Woodside Juvenile
Rehabilitation Center

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

A. J. Rueben, Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

10:25 AM Adjourn

10:30 AM Election of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges

Joint Assembly

- Senate Floor

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM S.217 - An act relating to human trafficking and prostitution

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

James Dold, Advocacy Director, Human Rights for Kids

Sara Kruzan, Survivor Advocate

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

10:00 AM **Break**

10:15 AM **Committee Discussion**

Lietha Cipriano, Executive Director, Center for
Restorative Justice

Brian Keith, Director, Northeast Kingdom Youth Services

10:30 AM **S.205 - An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges**

Mark up and vote

11:15 AM **Adjourn**

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

10:00 AM **S.114 - An act relating to the emergency judicial response to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Walk-through

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

10:35 AM **S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole**

Mike Hall, Executive Director, Vermont Police Coalition

11:00 AM **S.205 - An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges**

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Center for Crime
Victim Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:20 AM **S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life without the possibility of parole**

Vote

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

11:30 AM Implicit Bias Training

Legislative Lounge

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

**8:30 AM S.114 - An act relating to the emergency judicial
response to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

- **S.294 - An act relating to expanding access to
expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Mairead O'Reilly, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Kassie Tibbott, Pro Bono Expungement Attorney

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

Jeffrey Wallin, Director, Vermont Crime Information
Center (VCIC)

10:00 AM **Break**

10:30 AM **S.114 - An act relating to the emergency judicial
response to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

11:50 AM **S.205 - An act relating to criminal and civil surcharges**
Vote

12:00 PM **Adjourn**

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM **S.294 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

*Meeting to be held at Community College of Vermont
1 Abenaki Way
Winooski, VT*

Michelle -, Impacted Citizen

Kim -, Impacted Citizen

Jessica -, Impacted Citizen

T.J. Donovan, Attorney General, State of Vermont

Sarah George, State's Attorney, Chittenden County

Skyler Nash , Student Activist, University of Vermont

Mairead O'Reilly, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

11:45 AM **Adjourn**

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM **S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction**

Woodside

James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Jim Henry, SEALL Inc

Alex Hodgetts, Clinical Care Coordinator, Woodside
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

Erica Marthage, State's Attorney, Bennington County

Matt Messier, Youth Counselor, Woodside Juvenile
Rehabilitation Center

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights
Vermont

Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel, Department for
Children and Families

10:30 AM Break

**11:00 AM S.261 - An act relating to limiting the sentence of life
without the possibility of parole**

Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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10:15 AM	S.99 - An act relating to spousal support and maintenance reform
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Mark-up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM	S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures
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Mark-up

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

11:45 AM **S.54 - An act relating to the regulation of cannabis**

Committee Discussion

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:00 AM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

8:30 AM **S.294 - An act relating to expanding access to
expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All
Mairead O'Reilly, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid
Robert Paolini, Attorney, Victim's Compensation Board
Tari Scott, Chief of Trial Court Operations, Office of
Court Administrator

- **S.114 - An act relating to the emergency judicial
response to the COVID-19 public health emergency**

Mark up

10:00 AM Break

**10:30 AM S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of
juvenile jurisdiction**

Mark-up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

**11:00 AM S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of
juvenile jurisdiction**

Woodside

Thomas Abdelnour, Legislative Specialist, Vermont
State Employees Association

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

**S.99 - An act relating to spousal support and
maintenance reform**

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission
on Women

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Martin Feldman

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

9:00 AM

**S.303 - An act relating to automobile minimum liability
coverage**

Mark-up

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and
Casualty Association

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for
Justice

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

9:30 AM

**S.99 - An act relating to spousal support and
maintenance reform**

Mark up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

9:40 AM S.294 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records

Mark-up

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:15 AM Break

10:45 AM S.316 - An act relating to execution of wills during an emergency

Erin Jacobsen, Vermont Law School Immigration Rights Clinic

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Rebecca Turner, Chief Appellate Defender, Defender General's Office

11:15 AM S.316 - An act relating to execution of wills during an emergency

Mark-up and Vote

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Friday, March 13, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

8:30 AM

S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

8:45 AM

**S.294 - An act relating to expanding access to
expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

Vote

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

9:15 AM S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction

Mark-up

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Leslie Wisdom, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

10:00 AM Break

10:30 AM S.303 - An act relating to automobile minimum liability coverage

Mark-up

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and Casualty Association

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Vermont Association for Justice

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:20 AM S.232 - An act relating to implementing the expansion of juvenile jurisdiction

Vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

12:00 PM Judicial Emergency Order

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

- **Criminal Justice Update on Covid-19**

This meeting will be held as a conference call.

To participate or listen to the call, please call 1-877-278-2734 and use pin number 196138

James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Friday, March 20, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	No Committee Meeting Scheduled
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Monday, March 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

3:00 PM	Remote Witnessing of Wills
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Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Emergency Legislation for Supreme Court**

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

4:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:00 PM Woodside Closure

Kenneth Schatz, Commissioner, Department for
Children and Families

12:15 PM Medical Cannabis Issues During Covid-19

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

12:25 PM Domestic Violence Concerns During Covid-19

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

David D'Amora, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State
Governments Justice Center

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council
of State Governments Justice Center

1:00 PM Judges and Justice Who Need to be Confirmed

William Cohen, Associate Justice, Vermont Supreme
Court

Kerry Ann McDonald-Cady, Superior Court Judge,
Vermont Judiciary

Lisa Warren, Superior Court Judge, Vermont Judiciary

1:30 PM Adjourn

Friday, March 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Emergency Bill Remote Deed Recording/Remote Powers of Attorney
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Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:20 PM Woodside

Vincent Illuzzi, Attorney/Lobbyist, VSEA

1:35 PM Judiciary Proposed Emergency Legislative Changes

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of Corrections

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

2:30 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM COVID-19

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

10:15 AM Judiciary Proposed Emergency Legislative Changes

Committee Discussion and Mark-up

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM Civil Law Changes, Deeds, Power of Attorney Statute of Limitations

Committee Discussion and Mark-up

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Benj Deppman, Partner, Deppman Law PLC

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Chris Maley, Attorney, Vermont Association for Justice
VTAJ

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM Temporary Closing of Woodside

Joint Meeting with Senate Health and Welfare Committee

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental
Health

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM Covid-19 Impact on Residential Care and Foster Care

Joint Meeting with Senate Health and Welfare Committee

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of
Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Family
Services Division, Department for Children and
Families

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Friday, April 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	Emergence Judicial Response to Covid-19 Health Emergency
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Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations,
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health
Systems

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jack McCullough, Director of Mental Health Law Project, Vermont Legal Aid

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

- **Alternative to Woodside and Substitute Care**

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Christine Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

- **Criminal Justice Response to Covid-19**

10:00 AM Update from The Department of Corrections

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

**10:15 AM AGO Update on Enforcement of Governor's Emergency
Orders**

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

**10:30 AM VT State Police Update on Enforcement of Governor's
Emergency Orders**

Lt. Col. Matt Birmingham, Director, Vermont State Police
Ted Brady, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development
Heather Pelham, Commissioner, Department of Tourism
and Marketing, Agency of Commerce and
Community Development

10:45 AM Vermont Judiciary Update on Court Operations

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

11:00 AM Check Points on the Vermont Border

Lia Ernst, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union -
Vermont

Joe Flynn, Secretary of Transportation, Agency of
Transportation

Ann Gammell, Highway Division Deputy Director,
Agency of Transportation

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the
Attorney General

Michael Snyder, Commissioner, Department of Forests,
Parks and Recreation

11:45 AM TBD

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM Department of Public Safety Update on Operations

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

10:20 AM Department of Corrections Update on Operations

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

10:40 AM Update on Foster Care Visitations

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:50 AM Judicial Confirmations

Superior Court Judge Lisa Warren

Superior Court Judge Kerry Ann McDonald-Cady

Supreme Court Justice William Cohen

11:00 AM Break

11:05 AM Potential Legislation

- Offender Release During Emergency

Brian Gearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

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Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

David Scheer, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

12:15 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	Moratorium on Tax Collections
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Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes
Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Jeff Loewer, Chief Information Officer, Vermont
Judiciary

Gregg Mousley, Chief of Finance and Administration,
Vermont Judiciary

10:40 AM Update from the Center for Crime Victim Services

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

**10:50 AM COVID-19 Impact on Support Services for Released
Prisoners**

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of
Corrections

Willa Farrell, Director, Court Diversion and Pre-Trial
Services

Tony Folland, Clinical Services Manager and State
Opioid Treatment Authority, Department of Health

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
Mental Health

Tracie Hauck, Director, Rutland Turning Point Center

Jim Henry, SEALL Inc

Peter Mallery, Vice President of Government Relations
and Community Outreach, Vermont Association for
Mental Health and Addiction Recovery

Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice
Executive, Department of Corrections

Lisa Ryan, Program Director, Rutland County
Community Justice Center

12:15 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.114 -House Concerns with DUI**

Dave Evans, Chief of Driver Improvement, Department
of Motor Vehicles

Heather Gray, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor,
State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Wanda Minoli, Commissioner, Department of Motor
Vehicles

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

- **Concern Regarding Relief from Abuse Orders**

Robin Arnell, Director, Office of Child Support,
Department for Children and Families

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Karen Tronsgard-Scott, Executive Director, Vermont
Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

Cameron Wood, Director, Unemployment Insurance
Division, Department of Labor

12:15 PM Adjourn

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Friday, May 1, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**

Justice Reinvestment II Working Group

Directive to AHS

Sec 22-24 Change to Graduated Sanctions Language

Financial Impact of delay in Good Time

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Deputy Program Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

10:55 AM Break

11:00 AM DUI/Civil Suspension Hearings

Heather Gray, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wanda Minoli, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

11:30 AM Financial Needs of VT Judiciary in Response to Covid-19

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

12:15 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM COVID-19 CARES ACT Budget Items

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Matt D'Agostino, Financial Officer, Department of
Corrections

Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

- **Judicial E Filing Fees**

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary

Bradley Myerson, Attorney, Myerson Law Office

11:45 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Criminal & Juvenile Justice Funding for 2nd Budget Adjustment and CARES ACT
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John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Joshua Diamond, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

10:30 AM Break

10:40 AM Criminal & Juvenile Funding Continued

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Matt D'Agostino, Financial Officer, Department of
Corrections

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim
Services

Ken Schatz, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM E Filing Fees

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary

Jeff Loewer, Chief Information Officer, Vermont Judiciary

- Committee Discussion/Possible Legislation

10:30 AM Break

10:40 AM S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Rodgers Amendment

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. John Rodgers, Sponsor

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

11:15 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	H.936 - An act relating to sexual exploitation of children
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Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

Matthew Raymond, Investigator, Vermont Attorney
General's Office

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont
Attorney General's Office

10:55 AM	Break
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11:00 AM	Continued Testimony
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James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

11:15 AM	Covid-19 Budget Issues
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Eric Avildson, Executive Director, Vermont Legal Aid

11:30 AM Adjourn

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**10:00 AM H.580 - An act relating to establishing a classification
system for criminal offenses**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM H.936 - An act relating to sexual exploitation of children

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Eleanor Kennelly Gaetan, Director, Government
Relations, National Center on Sexual Exploitation

11:30 AM H.936 - An act relating to sexual exploitation of children

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

H.936 - An act relating to sexual exploitation of children

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

10:30 AM

Break

10:35 AM

E Filing Fees

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary
Jeff Loewer, Chief Information Officer, Vermont
Judiciary

11:30 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

12:15 PM Adjourn

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

**10:00 AM H.580 - An act relating to establishing a classification
system for criminal offenses**

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office
Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary
Rep. Martin LaLonde, Sponsor, South Burlington
Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender,
Defender General's Office

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs
John Treadwell, Judge, Vermont Judiciary

12:00 PM **H.936 - An act relating to sexual exploitation of children**

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

12:15 PM **Adjourn**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **H.254 - An act relating to adequate shelter for livestock**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, , Chittenden County

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

10:00 AM **S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment**

Comment of House Changes to Bill

Mary Jane Ainsworth, Director, Parole Board

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

10:30 AM Break

10:35 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

Continued Testimony

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

11:15 AM Adjourn

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM E File Use Fee

Committee Discussion

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal
Office

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM E File Use Fee Bill

Possible Vote

10:25 AM Break

10:30 AM Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Reforms

Committee Discussion

Sen. Tim Ashe, Senate

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, June 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and excessive use of force by law enforcement
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Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission

10:30 AM	Break
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10:35 AM	S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and excessive use of force by law enforcement
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Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair, RDAP

Curtiss Reed, Executive Director, Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

11:30 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM S.338 - An act relating to justice reinvestment

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

David D'Amora, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State
Governments Justice Center

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

11:30 AM Adjourn

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

**S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and
excessive use of force by law enforcement**

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'
Association

Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, , House Committee on
Judiciary

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity,
Agency of Administration

Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair, RDAP

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont
League of Cities and Towns

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:00 AM

**S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and
excessive use of force by law enforcement**

Drew Bloom, Use of Force Instructor, VSEA

Jessica Brown, Supervising Attorney, Chittenden
County Public Defenders Office

Kristin Chandler, Training Coordinator, Team Two

Chief Facos, Chief, Montpelier Police Department

Michael Fitzgerald, Chief, Brattleboro Police
Department

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

Geoffrey Jones, Attorney General Appointment, RDAP

George Karakabakis, CEO, Health Care Rehabilitation
Services

Tabitha Moore, President, NAACP - Rutland

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers
Association

Rebecca Turner, Chief Appellate Defender, Defender
General's Office

Wilda White, Chair, Mental Health Crisis Response
Commission

12:00 PM

Adjourn

Friday, June 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and excessive use of force by law enforcement

Mark up and Vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

- **S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy for law enforcement use of force**

Mark up and Vote

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM Adjourn

Monday, June 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM	S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and excessive use of force by law enforcement
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Intent Language

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

10:00 AM	Adjourn
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Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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*Committee Meeting Canceled Because of Extended
Senate Floor Time*

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and excessive use of force by law enforcement
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Senator Ingram's Amendment

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

10:30 AM	H.837 - An act relating to enhanced life estate deeds
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Joseph Bauer, Attorney, Franklin Grand Isle Bar Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Andrew Mikell, State Manager, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Robert Pratt, Co Chair, Probate & Trust Section,
Vermont Bar Association

11:30 AM H.963 - An act relating to sunsets related to judiciary procedures

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM Adjourn

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM H.837 - An act relating to enhanced life estate deeds

Mark up and Possible Vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

10:00 AM H.688 - An act relating to addressing climate change

Sections relating to suing the state of Vermont

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Robert McDougall, Chief Environmental Division,
Attorney General's Office

Julie Moore, Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources

Laura Murphy, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney
General's Office

Megan O'Toole, Staff Attorney, Department of
Environmental Conservation, Air Quality and Climate
Division

11:00 AM Adjourn

Friday, June 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	S.219 - An act relating to addressing racial bias and excessive use of force by law enforcement
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House Changes

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Counsel

1:30 PM

Adjourn

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

Senate Floor

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type**

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

**H.578 - An act relating to proof of financial
responsibility**

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Willa Farrell, Director, Court Diversion and Pre-Trial
Services

James Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property and
Casualty Insurance Association

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Neil Schickner, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Michael Smith, Operations Director, Department of
Motor Vehicles

11:30 AM Adjourn

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	H.962 - An act relating to the duration of temporary relief from abuse orders
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William Bohnyak, Orange County Sheriff's Department,
Vermont Sheriffs Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont
Judiciary

Ingrid Jonas, Major, Vermont State Police
Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

11:00 AM **H.578 - An act relating to proof of financial responsibility**

Senate Judiciary Amendment

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Friday, August 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 PM	Senate Floor
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Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM Senate Floor

**11:00 AM Racial Disparities in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice
System Advisory Report**

*Joint Meeting with House Government Operations and
House Judiciary*

Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair, RDAP, Co-Chair Fair and
Impartial Policing Committee

- **S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy
for law enforcement use of force**

Review Amendment

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Judicial Rules Letter Regarding E Filing

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys
and Sheriffs' Dept.

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar
Association

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary

Jordana Levine, Attorney

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender
General's Office

11:15 AM Vermont Judiciary Budget

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,
Vermont Judiciary

Gregg Mousley, Chief of Finance and Administration,
Vermont Judiciary

12:00 PM Adjourn

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy for law enforcement use of force

Update on House Changes

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM

S.234 - An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures

Marijuana Expungement

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel

11:15 AM

H.962 - An act relating to the duration of temporary relief from abuse orders

Committee Discussion and Possible Vote

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

11:30 AM

Adjourn

Friday, September 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM Department of Corrections Budget

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of
Corrections

Matt D'Agostino, Financial Officer, Department of
Corrections

- Police Modernization Plan

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,
Department of Public Safety

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public
Safety

10:45 AM DCF Substitute Care/Woodside Budget

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children
and Families

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director IV, Department for
Children and Families

11:30 AM Senate Floor

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM	S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy for law enforcement use of force
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Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

11:00 AM	State's Attorneys Budget
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John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Annie Noonan, Labor Relations Manager, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Association

11:30 AM	Adjourn
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Wednesday, September 9, 2020

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	H.962 - An act relating to the duration of temporary relief from abuse orders
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John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

11:00 AM	Department of the Defender General Budget
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Matthew Valerio, Defender General, Vermont Defender General's Office

12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy for law enforcement use of force

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,
Department of Public Safety

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the
Attorney General

11:30 AM Adjourn

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy for law enforcement use of force
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Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

Rep. Martin LaLonde, , South Burlington

12:00 PM	Adjourn
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Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy for law enforcement use of force
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Marshall Clement, Deputy Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Council of State Governments

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

Terrence Lynn, Deputy Division Director, Law
Enforcement, Council of State Governments

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police
Association

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

12:00 AM Adjourn

Friday, September 18, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **S.119 - An act relating to a statewide standard and policy
for law enforcement use of force**

Committee Discussion

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

11:30 AM **Adjourn**

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM S.24 - An act relating to a report on racial equity and bias in the Department of Corrections

House Proposal of Amendment

Sen. Tim Ashe, Senator, Chittenden County

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration; and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Rep. Alice M. Emmons, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, , House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Heather Simons, Director of Office of Professional Standards, Department of Corrections

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, September 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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