

## Reform Criminal Justice

### "Raise the Age"/Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

**Original Bill:** [HB1745](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to the certification of juveniles for trial as an adult.

**Position Statement:** Support: In their 2000 statement, Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, the U.S. Bishops state: "We bishops cannot support policies that treat young offenders as though they are adults...society must never respond to children who have committed crimes as though they are adults - fully formed in conscience and fully aware of their actions. Placing children in adult jails is a sign of failure, not a solution." 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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**Original Bill:** [SB1205](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill Eigel (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to the certification of juveniles for trial as an adult.

**Position Statement:** Support: In their 2000 statement, Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, the U.S. Bishops state: "We bishops cannot support policies that treat young offenders as though they are adults...society must never respond to children who have committed crimes as though they are adults - fully formed in conscience and fully aware of their actions. Placing children in adult jails is a sign of failure, not a solution." 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 03/29/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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### Addressing Mandatory Minimums

**Original Bill:** [HB1800](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

**Position Statement:** Support: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, which do not always serve the purposes of punishment for crimes. Adding additional offenses for which minimum sentences must be given moves Missouri in the wrong direction and places additional pressure on Missouri's already overcrowded prisons. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

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### Early Parole/Older Inmates

**Original Bill:** [HB2134](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

**Description:** Changes the law regarding parole eligibility for certain offenders who have served thirty years of his or her sentence.

**Position Statement:** Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

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**Original Bill:** [SB714](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

**Position Statement:** Support: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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### Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act

**Original Bill:** [HB2088](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Derek Grier (R)

**Description:** Establishes the Earning Safe Reentry Through Work Act of 2021.

**Position Statement:** Support: This legislation offers inmates an opportunity to reduce their time on probation by gainful employment, reducing recidivism and helping restore them to the community. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/05/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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### Expungement

**Original Bill:** [SB687](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

**Description:** Authorizes expungement of certain offenses.

**Position Statement:** Support: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 01/10/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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### Modifies Terms of Probation

**Original Bill:** [SB948](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Sen. Bill White (R)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to terms of probation.

**Position Statement:** Support: This legislation would allow offenders to reduce their term of probation by completing diversionary programs that will help them better themselves and assist in returning them to society as productive members upon their completion of probation. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 03/21/2022 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted, Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

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### Offering Life With Parole vs Without

**Original Bill:** [HB2232](#)    **Amended Bill:**    **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

**Description:** Allows a court to reduce a life without parole sentence to a sentence of life with eligibility for parole in certain circumstances.

**Position Statement:** Support: In their 2000 statement, Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, the bishops call for a renewed emphasis to be placed on parole and probation as an alternative to incarceration. Offenders should have a reasonable opportunity to obtain parole after serving an appropriate amount of time. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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## Reforms Private Probation

**Original Bill:** [HB2248](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ron Hicks (R)

**Description:** Changes the law regarding private probation supervision services by prohibiting drug and alcohol screen tests unrelated to the offense and requiring the use of earned compliance credits.

**Position Statement:** Support: Probation providers should be limited in the requirements they are permitted to impose upon offenders as a matter of justice and the legitimate exercise of public authority. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [SB896](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to probation and parole for certain offenders.

**Position Statement:** Support: Probation providers should be limited in the requirements they are permitted to impose upon offenders as a matter of justice and the legitimate exercise of public authority. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 01/27/2022 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

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## Work Opportunities for Prior Offenders

**Original Bill:** [HB1675](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Chad Perkins (R)

**Description:** Requires the department of corrections to establish a program aimed at assisting incarcerated persons in obtaining their commercial driver's license in order to operate dump trucks upon release.

**Position Statement:** Support: This legislation offers offenders a fair opportunity for work after serving their sentences by providing them access to a commercial driver's license while incarcerated so that they can become gainfully employed upon release. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions

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## Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

**Original Bill:** [HB1847](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

**Description:** Creates a civil cause of action allowing claimants to seek damages from the state for wrongful conviction.

**Position Statement:** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Judiciary

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**Original Bill:** [HB2412](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2412 **Sponsor:** Rep. Shamed Dogan (R)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to restitution for individuals found to be actually innocent through any evidentiary method.

**Position Statement:** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/28/22

**Last Action:** 02/23/2022 H - Referred to House Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight

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**Original Bill:** [HB2474](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ron Hicks (R)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to restitution for individuals found to be actually innocent through any evidentiary method.

**Position Statement:** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law.  
01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/09/2022 H - Placed on Informal Calendar

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**Original Bill:** [HB2639](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove (D)

**Description:** Establishes provisions relating to restitution for certain individuals.

**Position Statement:** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law.  
01/28/22

**Last Action:** 05/13/2022 H - Referred to House Special Committee on Criminal Justice

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**Original Bill:** [SB1094](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to wrongful convictions.

**Position Statement:** Support: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law.  
01/28/22

**Last Action:** 03/28/2022 S - Voted Do Pass, Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

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