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NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIME VICTIMS, CRIME AND CORRECTION



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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Crime Victims, Crime, and Correction for the 2021 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2021 session, this committee met six times in session and reported thirty-one bills. The Committee also held a public hearing on the End Predatory Court Fees Act this past year.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Salazar".

Senator Julia Salazar
18th District

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning the criminal justice system, its oversight, and the people it serves.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, one hundred sixty-nine bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, twenty-eight were reported from the Committee. Eleven were passed by the Senate, and nine passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of six committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held one public hearing. The topic of the hearing was regarding the End Predatory Court Fees Act.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The most significant work of the committee in 2021 related to achieving increased protection for the rights of incarcerated individuals and those released on community supervision. In particular, as Chair, I am proud that S2836 (Salazar) which will end long-term solitary confinement in New York's jails and prisons was enacted as Chapter 93. In addition, the Less is More bill, S 1144A (Benjamin), which will significantly reduce the rates of re-incarceration of people under community supervision, was enacted as Chapter 427.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2021, nine of the one hundred sixty-nine bills referred to the Standing Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed nine of these bills and vetoed zero. None of these bills are waiting on action by the Governor.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S830B	COMRIE	Relates to voting and registration for voting by formerly incarcerated individuals convicted of a felony and to repeal certain provisions of the election law relating thereto	CHAP.103 of 2021
S1144A	BENJAMIN	Relates to revocation of community supervision	CHAP.427 of 2021
S1795	BAILEY	Relates to the establishment of a program for the use of medication assisted treatment for inmates	CHAP.432 of 2021
S2211	SEPULVEDA	Relates to the prohibition of double-bunked housing in correctional facilities	CHAP.570 of 2021
S261	MYRIE	Includes credits earned from a higher education institution as a condition on which the merit board may grant merit time	CHAP. 242 of 2021
S2630	SANDERS	Relates to certificates upon discharge	CHAP.491 of 2021
S2836	SALAZAR	Restricts the use of segregated confinement and creates alternative therapeutic and rehabilitative confinement options	CHAP.93 of 2021
S3332	RIVERA	Relates to replacing all instances of the words or variations of the words inmate or inmates with the words incarcerated individual or incarcerated individuals or	CHAP.322 of 2021

		variation thereof	
S5468	PARKER	Establishes a commission to study and develop a plan for improving education in state prisons	CHAP.557 of 2021

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S261	MYRIE	Includes credits earned from a higher education institution as a condition on which the merit board may grant merit time	CHAP. 242 of 2021
S402A	BIAGGI	Relates to allowing telephone calls prior to an inmate's transfer	Reported from Committee
S606	BENJAMIN	Establishes merit time allowance credits and certain administrative privileges credits for local correctional facilities	Passed Senate Only
S830B	COMRIE	Relates to voting and registration for voting by formerly incarcerated individuals convicted of a felony and to repeal certain provisions of the election law relating thereto	CHAP.103 of 2021
S1144A	BENJAMIN	Relates to revocation of community supervision	CHAP.427 of 2021
S1149	BENJAMIN	Relates to providing identification cards to inmates upon release from incarceration	Passed Senate Only
S1415A	RIVERA	Relates to findings of the state board of parole necessary for discretionary release of incarcerated persons on parole	Reported from Committee
S1795	BAILEY	Relates to the establishment of a program for the use of medication assisted treatment for inmates	CHAP.432 of 2021
S1796	BAILEY	Relates to providing notice of voting rights to persons released from local jails	Reported from Committee
S2201	SEPULVEDA	Repeals certain provisions of law requiring the payment of a parole supervision fee	Passed Senate Only
S2211	SEPULVEDA	Relates to the prohibition of double-bunked housing in	CHAP.570 of 2021

		correctional facilities	
S2630	SANDERS	Relates to certificates upon discharge	CHAP.491 of 2021
S2836	SALAZAR	Restricts the use of segregated confinement and creates alternative therapeutic and rehabilitative confinement options	CHAP.93 of 2021
S2841A	SEPULVEDA	Establishes a visiting program for incarcerated people	Passed Senate Only
S3326	RIVERA	Prohibits county correction officers from dispensing medication using syringes or needles in jail to inmates	Reported from Committee
S3332	RIVERA	Relates to replacing all instances of the words or variations of the words inmate or inmates with the words incarcerated individual or incarcerated individuals or variation thereof	CHAP.322 of 2021
S3361	BAILEY	Relates to the definition of "direct relationship" for the purposes of article 23-A of the correction law regarding certain licensures and employment	Reported from Committee
S3362	BAILEY	Increases access to substance abuse programming for prisoners whose first language is not English	Reported from Committee
S4115	COMRIE	Requires the educational and vocational credits earned by incarcerated individuals are transferable upon release	Reported from Committee
S4160B	COMRIE	Allows certain additional privileges to inmates when visitation is suspended for any reason	Reported from Committee
S4649	AKSHAR	Requires the parole board to make	Reported from

		a verbatim record of each parole release interview and revocation hearing within forty-five days after such interview or hearing	Committee
S4835	BIAGGI	Expands prison work release program eligibility and participation	Reported from Committee
S5051	PARKER	Authorizes a study by the department of corrections and community supervision pertaining to the treatment of aging prison populations	Reported from Committee
S5119	BENJAMIN	Provides inmates with access to breast cancer screenings and information about breast self-examinations	Reported from Committee
S5468	PARKER	Establishes a commission to study and develop a plan for improving education in state prisons	CHAP.557 of 2021
S5981	MYRIE	Repeals certain provisions of law relating to the collection of an incarceration fee	Passed Senate Only
S6406	BAILEY	Relates to establishing a pilot program for the use of body-worn cameras on certain correction officers	Reported from Committee
S7011	SEPULVEDA	Relates to the information necessary to investigate compensation claims	Passed Senate Only



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