



New York State Senate Standing Committee on **Crime Victims, Crime and Correction** **Senator Julia Salazar**

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins

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Dear Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction for the 2022 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2022 session, this committee met six times and reported twenty-seven bills. The Committee also held two public hearings 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



2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

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

Senator Julia Salazar, Chairperson

Committee Members

Majority Members Senator Jamaal T. Bailey Senator Zellnor Myrie Senator Gustavo Rivera Senator Luis R. Sepúlveda	Minority Members Senator Fred Akshar, Ranking Member Senator Patrick M. Gallivan
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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 2022 Legislative Session, one hundred ninety-four bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, twenty-seven were reported from the Committee. Twelve were passed by the Senate, and seven 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 two public hearings. Topics of these hearings included:

- Sexual Assault in Prisons
- Parole Justice

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The most significant work of the Standing Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction related to the ongoing work to monitor the implementation of HALT Solitary Confinement Act of 2021, enacted as Chapter 93 of 2021, and The Less is More Bill, enacted as Chapter 427 of 2021. The work of the Chair included multiple visits to Correctional Facilities including but not limited to, Upstate Correctional, Midstate Correctional, Green Haven Correctional, and the jails on Riker's Island.

The Committee Chair is deeply committed to addressing the ongoing and pervasive issues related to incarceration. In order to solicit public and community voices, two public hearings were held. Senator Salazar and Senator Biaggi held a hearing to gain insight on the issue of sexual assaults in NYS prisons, and Senator Salazar and Senator Hoylman held a hearing on Parole Justice, specifically S7514 (Fair & Timely Parole) and S15A (Elder Parole).

Additionally, S8975 and S8976, sponsored by Senator Salazar, were enacted as Chapters 239 and 343 to expand award eligibility for crime victims.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2022, eight of the one hundred ninety-four 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 six and vetoed two.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action (Chapter X of 2022, Veto X of 2022, or "On the Governor's Desk" if not yet acted on)
S402B	Biaggi	Relates to allowing telephone calls prior to an incarcerated individual's transfer	Veto 121 of 2022
S643A	Sepulveda	Integrates community supervision programs into an individual's schedule	Chapter 484 of 2022
S2144	Sepulveda	Conforms the definition of an inmate with a serious mental illness to the definition of "person with a serious mental illness" in the mental hygiene law	Veto 125 of 2022
S5981	Myrie	Repeals certain provisions of law relating to the collection of an incarceration fee	Chapter 753 of 2022
S8216	Rivera	Replaces instances of the words inmate or inmates with the words incarcerated individual or incarcerated individuals	Chapter 486 of 2022
S8975	Salazar	Relates to victim compensation for unlawful surveillance crimes	Chapter 239 of 2022
S8976	Salazar	Relates to award to victims of certain crimes	Chapter 343 of 2022

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action (Chapter X of 2022, Veto X of 2022, On the Governor's Desk, Passed Senate Only, or Reported from Committee)
S307	Myrie	Requires a reading proficiency level assessment and dyslexia screening for certain incarcerated individuals	Reported from Committee
S402B	Biaggi	Relates to telephone calls prior to an individual's transfer	Veto 121 of 2022
S643A	Sepulveda	Integrates community supervision programs into an individual's schedule	Chapter 484 of 2022
S2144	Sepulveda	Conforms the definition of an inmate with a serious mental illness to the definition of "person with a serious mental illness" in the mental hygiene law	Veto 125 of 2022, Tabled
S2201	Sepulveda	Repeals certain provisions of law requiring the payment of a parole supervision fee	Reported from Committee
S2841A	Sepulveda	Establishes a visiting program for incarcerated people	Passed Senate Only
S2855A	Sepulveda	Relates to birth certificates for incarcerated individuals	Reported from Committee
S3326A	Rivera	Prohibits county correction officers from dispensing medication using syringes or needles in jail to incarcerated individuals	Reported from Committee
S3362A	Bailey	Increases access to substance abuse programming for incarcerated individuals whose first language is not English	Reported from Committee

S3526A	Bailey	Authorizes vocational training, where practicable, to incarcerated individuals on the installation of solar hot water systems for the provision of hot water to correctional facilities	Reported from Committee
S5981	Myrie	Repeals certain provisions of law relating to the collection of an incarceration fee	Chapter 753 of 2022
S7229	Bailey	Relates to the role of the department of corrections and community supervision in planning and facilitating the discharge or release of incarcerated persons to the community	Reported from Committee
S7444	Salazar	Relates to educational leave for eligible inmates	Reported from Committee
S7667	Myrie	Establishes application processing and review requirements for reprieves, commutations and pardons	Reported from Committee
S8083A	Cleare	Relates to providing identification cards to incarcerated individuals upon release from incarceration	Reported from Committee
S8123	Cleare	Relates to providing for the return of any identification materials to an individual upon release from custody	Reported from Committee
S8149	Cleare	Provides incarcerated individuals with access to breast cancer screenings and information about breast self-examinations	Passed Senate Only
S8216	Rivera	Replaces instances of the words inmate or inmates with the words incarcerated individual or incarcerated individuals	Chapter 486 of 2022
S8347	Cleare	Authorizes the transfer of pregnant and postpartum incarcerated individuals to residential treatment facilities	Reported from Committee

S8515	Cleare	Relates to certificates of relief from disabilities	Reported from Committee
S8603A	Salazar	Relates to awards made to crime victims	Passed Senate Only
S8604	Salazar	Relates to reporting requirements for temporary release programs	Reported from Committee
S8612A	Salazar	Relates to the establishment of decarceration emergency management plans to be developed for use in the event of a state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order	Reported from Committee
S8767	Ryan	Relates to the education and experience of members of the state board of parole	Passed Senate Only
S8975	Salazar	Relates to victim compensation for unlawful surveillance crimes	Chapter 239 of 2022
S8976	Salazar	Relates to award to victims of certain crimes	Chapter 343 of 2022
S9423	Salazar	Relates to the establishment of emergency management release plans to be developed for use in correctional facilities in the event of a state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order	Passed Senate Only



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