



# Legislative Update

*Week of August 16, 2021*

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Despite a quiet start to the week at the General Assembly, activity ratcheted up Wednesday before quickly subsiding on Thursday. With the exception of last week's intense work on the budget bill, this has been common recently at the legislature as business has largely been conducted on Wednesdays. This has led to bills moving quickly through committees, presenting both benefits and challenges.

On Wednesday, several DPS-related bills saw legislative action. House Bill 436, *Support Law Enforcement Mental Health*, and House Bill 608, *Dignity for Women Who are Incarcerated*, received favorable reports in the Senate Judiciary committee. It is expected that the Senate will hold floor votes on these bills next week. Also of significance, Senate Bill 300, *Criminal Justice Reform*, passed the House by a margin of 100-2 and has been sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The highlight of the week was the passage of Senate Bill 207, *Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs*, in the House by a margin of 101-1. This bill includes various legislative changes that were recommended by the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee (JJAC). The JJAC was established in 2017 as part of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act and is responsible for planning and recommending changes involving the implementation of "Raise the Age" legislation. Senate Bill 207 would also raise the minimum age of juvenile court jurisdiction from 6 years of age to 8 with exceptions. The proposed legislation would remove all 6-7-year-olds from juvenile court jurisdiction. Further, the bill would eliminate jurisdiction for 8-9-year-olds who have committed an H-I felony or misdemeanor. However, juvenile court jurisdiction would remain intact for juveniles aged 8-9 who have committed a Class A-G felony, motor vehicle law violation, or been previously adjudicated delinquent. Due to changes made by the House, the bill has been returned to the Senate for concurrence.

As expected, on Tuesday, the Senate voted to not concur with the House changes to Senate Bill 105, *2021 Appropriations Act*. The spending proposal will now go through the conference process where both chambers will negotiate and agree to a compromise budget. Prognosticators anticipate the compromise plan will be announced around Labor Day, or shortly thereafter.

As of now, next week's legislative calendar is sparse with only a few committee meetings. Both the House and Senate will hold no vote "skeleton" sessions this coming Monday.

## DPS Bills with Action this Week

(Note: Click on the bill title to view the most current version of the bill)

Division(s) Impacted	Sponsor(s)	Bill #	Short Title	Action
ABC	Moffitt, Lambeth, Goodwin, and Winslow	H 73	<a href="#">Temporarily Defer ABC Permit Renewal Fees.</a>	Signed by Gov. 8/16/2021
EM/ABC	Yarborough	H 366	<a href="#">Regulatory Reform Act of 2021.</a>	Pres. To Gov. 8/20/2021
Law Enforcement/ACJJ	K. Baker	H 436	<a href="#">Support Law Enforcement Mental Health.</a>	8/18/2021 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
ACJJ	K. Baker	H 608	<a href="#">Dignity for Women Who are Incarcerated.</a>	8/18/2021 Senate Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations
Law Enforcement	B. Jones	H 692	<a href="#">Restrict Certain Vehicle Modifications.</a>	8/19/2021 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 43-3
Department-Wide	B. Jackson, Harrington, and Hise	S 105	<a href="#">2021 Appropriations Act.</a>	8/18/2021 House/Senate Conf Com Appointed
JJ	Britt, Daniel, and Mohammed	S 207	<a href="#">Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.</a>	8/18/2021 House Passed 3rd Reading 101-1
Law Enforcement	Britt, Daniel, and Lee	S 300	<a href="#">Criminal Justice Reform.</a>	8/18/2021 House Passed 3rd Reading 100-2
SBI/ALE	Perry and Lowe	S 688	<a href="#">Sports Wagering.</a>	8/19/2021 Senate Passed 3rd Reading 26-19
Victim Services/PPSB/Alarms	Rabon	S 733	<a href="#">2021 Appointments Bill</a>	House Placed On Cal For 08/24/2021

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