

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Criminal Jurisprudence
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Friday, October 21, 2022
PLACE: E2.010
CHAIR: Rep. Nicole Collier

The Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Study Texas' reentry and integration programs and make recommendations for reducing employment barriers for certain people with a criminal record. Review the length of time certain criminal offenses remain on a defendant's record and consider the impact of expanding the offenses that qualify for an order of non-disclosure. Evaluate the financial and administrative barriers in the petitioning process for record-clearing relief.

Study the availability of victim services, including community-based trauma recovery, housing and relocation assistance, employment protections, and other services that help victims recover and stay safe following a violent crime. The study should include an evaluation of the processes for nongovernmental organizations to apply for and receive victim services grant funding. Make recommendations for streamlining the grant administration process and improving access to community-based services in neighborhoods with the highest rates of crime and for victims of violent crimes.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

Reentry and integration programs and reducing employment barriers
Victim services and improving access in at-risk communities

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

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<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

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Public testimony may be limited to two (2) minutes.

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