

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, October 10, 2024
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Pete Flores

The Senate Committee on Criminal Justice will meet to discuss the following charges:

- **Retail Theft:** Study the effects of organized retail crime in Texas and in other states. Evaluate the reporting and legislative suggestions from the statewide Organized Retail Theft Task Force. Make recommendations to protect the safety of retail employees and business owners in Texas.
- **Financial Crimes:** Evaluate financial criminal activity trends in Texas, including the fiscal impact on consumers, financial institutions, local economies, and businesses. Determine the extent of payment fraud by transnational criminal gangs. Study the impact of the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center (FCIC). Make recommendations that enhance penalties for check and payment fraud and identify ways to strengthen financial crime investigations in Texas.
- **Supporting Victims of Sexual Assault:** Examine the collection and processing of "rape kits" by law enforcement agencies and testing laboratories. Make recommendations to ensure that forensic evidence collected from victims of sexual assault is processed in a timely manner.

Public Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per person. If submitting written testimony please submit 12 copies with your name, and organization on each copy.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR PERSONAL ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES, ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE SENATE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR AT 512/463-0070, 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.