

**SENATE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Monday, May 4, 2026  
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Pete Flores

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The Senate Committee on Criminal Justice will meet Monday, May 4th, at 9 am and hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

**Eliminating Contraband in Prisons:** Examine the issue of contraband entering Texas prisons. Identify contraband detection systems and make recommendations to leverage technology to combat prison contraband. Evaluate data linking contraband to inmate deaths and overdoses in prison units. Make recommendations to eliminate contraband in Texas prisons.

**Regulating the Role of Reserve Officers:** Examine the reserve peace officer practice used in departments across Texas to assist with policing duties in their respective jurisdictions. Consider the number of reserve officers commissioned in jurisdictions across Texas relative to the policing needs of the community. Make recommendations to ensure reserve peace officers maximize their duty to public safety by first prioritizing the departments that issue their commissions.

**Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice passed by the 89th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation for the following:

- Senate Bill 20 (89th Legislature), relating to the creation of the criminal offense of possession, promotion, or production of certain obscene visual material appearing to depict a child;
- Senate Bill 441 (89th Legislature), relating to criminal and civil liability related to sexually explicit media and artificial intimate visual material; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty
- Senate Bill 1621 (89th Legislature), relating to prosecution and punishment of certain criminal offenses prohibiting sexually explicit visual material involving depictions of children, computer-generated children, or other persons; creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties; and
- House Bill 1443 (89th Legislature), relating to creating the criminal offense of promotion or possession of a child-like sex doll.

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Public Testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per person. If submitting written testimony please submit 14 copies with your name and organization on each copy.

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