

Reform Criminal Justice

Death Penalty/Jury Instructions

Original Bill: [HB2141](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Michael Davis (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB2186](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Ian Mackey (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB2259](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jo Doll (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB2348](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Raychel Proudie (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to jury instructions for the offense of murder in the first degree.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [HB2876](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to trial procedures for murder in the first degree.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB1186](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to jury instructions for the offense of murder in the first degree.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Support legislation as way to scale back the use of the death penalty, a practice which undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. 01/30/26

Last Action: 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-General Laws

Early Parole/Older Inmates

Original Bill: [SB1226](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In *A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/30/26

Last Action: 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB1335](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Barbara Washington (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In *A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/30/26

Last Action: 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [SB1681](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tracy McCreery (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to parole eligibility.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Older inmates who have served much of their sentence merit a parole hearing to see if they are rehabilitated and can re-enter society. In *A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000), the Catholic Bishops state: "We believe that both victims and offender are children of God. Despite their very different claims on society, their lives and dignity should be protected and respected. We seek justice, not vengeance. We believe punishment must have clear purposes: protecting society and rehabilitating those who violate the law." 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/16/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Expanding Mandatory Minimums

Original Bill: [HB2880](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bennie Cook (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to minimum prison terms.

Position: Oppose

MCC Statement: Mandatory minimum sentences replace a judge's discretion in sentencing with rigid formulas, which do not always serve the purpose of punishment for crimes. Adding additional offenses for which minimum sentences must be given moves Missouri in the wrong direction and places additional pressure on Missouri's already overcrowded prisons. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Expungement

Original Bill: [HB2047](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marlene Terry (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2747

Original Bill: [HB2747](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HBs 2747 & 2047 **Sponsor:** Rep. Bishop Davidson (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to proceedings resulting from criminal conduct.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/15/2026 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Original Bill: [HB2954](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Marty Joe Murray (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB1421](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer

Description: Omnibus related to criminal proceedings.

Position: Support in part

MCC Statement: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Truly Agreed and Finally Passed - Y-110 N-25

Original Bill: [SB1494](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Nick Schroer (R)

Description: Establishes procedures for the automatic expungement of certain criminal offenses.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 03/25/2026 S - Superseded by SB 854

Original Bill: [SB854](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brian Williams (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to expungement.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Allowing offenders to have their criminal record expunged is a means of restorative justice by giving the offender an opportunity to return to being a productive member of society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 03/25/2026 S - Voted Do Pass as substituted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Extending Protections for Juvenile LWOP Offenders

Original Bill: [HB1620](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Bruce Sassmann (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the sentencing of persons under nineteen years of age.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: The U.S. Bishops have stated: "We bishops cannot support policies that treat young offenders as though they are adults...society must never respond to children who have committed crimes as though they are adults - fully formed in conscience and fully aware of their actions." 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Good Time Credit

Original Bill: [HB2695](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jamie Gragg (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to credit earned by offenders committed to the department of corrections.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2751

Original Bill: [HB2831](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Kimberly-Ann Collins (D)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to good time credit.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/30/26

Last Action: 02/17/2026 H - Superseded by HB 2751

Original Bill: [SB1074](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Brad Hudson (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to criminal sentencing, including compliance and good-time credits.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Certain inmates serving a term of years should be provided gain time for good behavior as a reward and an incentive. 01/30/26

Last Action: 01/15/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Providing ID to Inmates Prior to Release

Original Bill: [HB2302](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Philip Oehlerking (R)

Description: Requires the department of corrections to provide certain services to inmates prior to their release from the department.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: Providing identification documents would help an individual reintegrate back into society. 01/30/26

Last Action: 04/22/2026 S - Hearing Conducted - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence

Wrongful Convictions/Compensation

Original Bill: [HB2966](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. LaKeySha Bosley (D)

Description: Creates a civil cause of action allowing claimants to seek damages from the state for wrongful conviction.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/30/26

Last Action: 05/15/2026 H - Referred to committee - House-Emerging Issues

Original Bill: [SB1170](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Steven Roberts (D)

Description: Creates provisions relating to compensation for wrongful convictions.

Position: Support

MCC Statement: As a matter of justice, persons wrongfully convicted deserve compensation. This legislation increases the compensation already provided under current law. 01/30/26

Last Action: 01/27/2026 S - Referred to committee - Senate-Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence
