

ACLU-TN Legislative Highlights: Criminal Justice

106th Tennessee General Assembly, 2009 – 2010



Bill (Sponsor)	Bill Description	Bill Status	Position
SB 3611 (Barnes) HB 3505 (Fitzhugh)	Requires TACIR to study effect of court costs and litigation taxes on access to justice	Current Status	Support
SB 3301 (Kelsey) HB 2659 (Faulkner)	Requires complaints against certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to be in writing, signed by the complainant, and a copy given to the affected officer or firefighter	Current Status	Oppose
SB 3297 (Kelsey) HB 3516 (DeBerry, J.)	Eliminates parole for persons committing an offense on or after July 1, 2010	Current Status	Oppose
SB 3111 (Marrero, B.) HB 3726 (Richardson)	Removes the death penalty as a possible punishment for first degree murder	Current Status	Support
SB 2826 (Ford, O.) HB 2914 (Cooper, B.)	Requires the comptroller to study the number of state inmates who have been incarcerated for crimes for which they have not been convicted	Current Status	Support
SB 2756 (Jackson) HB 2908 (Tidwell)	Provides that inmates are entitled to two meals per day unless a physician determines that more than two meals are medically necessary for the inmate's health; provides that any savings to the department from implementation of this act is to be appropriated by the general assembly for educational purposes	Current Status	Oppose
SB 2745 (Kelsey) HB 2640 (Cooper, B.)	Establishes requirements for the use of lineups in eyewitness identifications	Current Status	Support

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SB 2725 (Black) HB 2789 (Maggart)	Creates a violent juvenile sexual offender registry for juveniles convicted of certain sex offenses in juvenile court	Current Status	Oppose
SB 2518 (Johnson) HB 2539 (Casada)	Clarifies that a pardon for an offense restores a person's civil and constitutional rights in the state.	Current Status	Support
SB 1990 (Marrero, B.) HB 2221 (Stewart)	Requires a police officer to make a reasonable effort to verify a person's identity prior to determining that a citation cannot be issued in lieu of an arrest for a misdemeanor offense because the person failed to provide satisfactory evidence of identification.	Current Status	Support
SB 1679 (Jackson) HB 1447 (Coleman)	Enacts the "Tennessee Death Penalty Representation Services Act of 2009," which creates the commission of the office of death penalty representation services, whose purpose is to ensure effective legal representation for indigent persons charged with a death eligible offense or who have been sentenced to death, including all persons who have been determined to be indigent at any procedural stage	Current Status	Support
SB 1402 (Jackson) HB 1456 (Coleman)	Enacts the "Tennessee Death Penalty Open File Discovery Act," which requires the district attorney general to make available to the defendant for inspection and copying all relevant documents, tangible objects and statements, together with complete files of all investigative agencies	Current Status	Support
SB 1113 (Harper) HB 1277 (Gilmore)	Provides that the records of a person charged with a crime who is found not guilty of the crime are automatically destroyed rather than requiring the person to petition the court for destruction	Current Status	Support

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SB 1069 (Marrero) HB 1496 (Turner)	Directs that House and Senate Judiciary Committees study application of death penalty in Tennessee; provides for moratorium on executions until study results are presented to the general assembly	Current Status	Support
SB 0518 (McNally) HB 1700 (Watson)	Enacts the "Exclusion Rule Reform Act"	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0261 (Jackson) HB 0596 (Coleman)	Requires that all statements made by a person during a custodial interrogation relating to a homicide must be electronically recorded and preserved	Current Status	Support
SB 0196 (Bunch) HB 0263 (Watson)	Requires complaints against certain law enforcement officers to be in writing, signed by the complainant, and a copy given to the affected officer	Current Status	Oppose
SB 0104 (Berke) HB 0610 (Stewart)	Mandates the Department of Correction to develop and implement a society plan for every incarcerated prisoner for reentry into society	Current Status	Support