



UPDATE

2025 State Legislative Update: Criminal Justice Section

We've come to the end of the 2025 Legislative year, with several actions taken by the Legislature and the Governor that may be of interest to your section. Please reach out to the GR team with any questions about any particular legislation of interest that you don't see on the following list. Any memoranda and letters drafted by the section in support or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the section as we move into the 2026 legislative session.

Legislation of Interest

Chaptered or Vetoed by the Governor:

- A544-B(Paulin)/S1985-A(Harckham): Requires police officers to take temporary custody of firearms when responding to reports of family violence. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will take effect immediately.
- A934-A(Magnarelli)/S6735-A(Fahy): Relates to peremptory challenges where there are two or more defendants. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- A6332-A(Romero)/S7546(Brouk): Requires the district attorney to mail disposition of criminal felony trial to any crime victim not present at time defendant sentenced or acquitted after completion of trial. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect June 2026.
- A7563(McDonald)/S8312(Hinchey): Relates to the removal of actions to certain courts in an adjoining county. This bill was supported by NYSBA with [a letter to the Governor](#). This legislation was chaptered by the Governor and will take effect immediately.
- S1652(Bailey)/A7265(Pretlow): Authorizes a court to direct filing of non-family offense order of protection with the computerized registry for such orders and warrants. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect October 2026.
- S8196(Hoyleman-Sigal)/A8890(Burroughs): Relates to judges presiding over designated youth parts. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and takes effect immediately.
- S8374(Persaud)/A8297(Lunsford): Establishes a pilot program to provide alternative dispute resolution and navigator services in child support matters. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect September 2026.
- A1970-A(Paulin)/S5225-A(Gounardes): Relates to the collection and reporting of sexual offense evidence on the statewide electronic tracking system. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.

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- S181(Persaud)/A5311(Reyes): Expands the membership of the interagency task force on trafficking in persons. This bill was chaptered by the Governor and will go into effect immediately.
- S805(Bailey)/A813(Vanel): Relates to policies and procedures for when a child less than eighteen years old is arrested. This bill was chaptered by the Governor.

Not Passed:

- A53-A(Paulin)/A4592(Gianaris): Allows evidence of a defendant's prior crimes or acts to be admissible in a criminal case for certain purposes. This bill showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass either house.
- A204(Cruz)/S2266(Hoyleman-Sigal): Requires annual reports of legal settlement payments related to law enforcement activity. This bill did not move in either house.
- A206(Cruz)/S3974(Sepulveda): Relates to failure to complete a program for time allowances due to circumstances beyond an individual's control. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A296(Cruz)/S3909(Parker): Enacts the "New York state phoenix act". This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A335(Jackson)/S7504(Cleare): Includes policies and procedures for responding to students having mental health crises in school safety plans. This bill did not move in either house.
- A336-A(Jackson)/S3633(Bailey): Requires the use of body-worn cameras on certain correction officers. This bill showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass either house.
- A356(Weprin)/S1055(Serrano): Prohibits the division of criminal justice services from disclosing pending adjournment in contemplation of dismissals on civil records of arrests and prosecutions. This bill passed the Senate and was advanced to third-reading in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A1422(Cruz)/S4525(Bailey): Requires accurate interpretation of statements made by deponents with limited English proficiency in accusatory instruments and supporting depositions. This bill passed the Senate and was ordered to third-reading in the Assembly.
- A1463(Hunter)/S5138(Gianaris): Abolishes citizens arrests; repealer. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A1471(Simon)/S1285-A(Persaud): Relates to jury deliberations. This bill passed the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- A2290(Gandolfo): Protects the identity of witnesses of hate crimes in discovery proceedings. This bill was not introduced in the Senate and did not move in the Assembly.
- A3226-A(Gonzalez-Rojas)/S3394-A(Gounardes): Enacts the ceasing repeated and extremely egregious predatory (CREEP) behavior act. This bill passed the Senate and showed some movement in the Assembly but did not pass.
- A5222(DeStefano)/S150(Palumbo): Allows lifetime orders of protection in certain cases. This bill did not move in either house.
- A6563(Lavine)/S6814(Bailey): Relates to notification of crime victims of the death of the accused. This bill did not move in either house.

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- S116(Cleare)/A2575(Dinowitz): Relates to the statute of limitations of actions related to certain sex trafficking offenses. This bill passed in the Senate but did not move in the Assembly.
- S336(Bailey)/A4670(Jackson): Relates to grand jury proceedings. This bill did not move in either house.
- S412(Gounardes)/A1312(Simon): Relates to granting the legislature the power to direct the attorney-general by concurrent resolution to inquire into matters concerning the public peace, public safety and public justice. This bill showed some movement in the Senate but did not pass either house.
- S524(Mayer): Relates to establishing the crime of voyeurism. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the Assembly.
- S660(Gianaris): Relates to detaining persons for longer than twenty-four hours. This bill passed the Senate but was not introduced in the Assembly.
- S7558(Cleare): Relates to requiring consent of a minor's parent, legal guardian or attorney for law enforcement collection of DNA from certain minors. This bill was not introduced in the Assembly and did not move in the Senate.

See [here](#) for NYSBA's Government Relation's End of Year Legislative Update.

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