

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Senator Martin, Chair

Senator Smith, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026

TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.

PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Martin, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Bernard, Bradley, Garcia, Pizzo, Simon, and Yarborough

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 50 Gaetz (Similar CS/CS/H 199)	<p>Veterans Affairs; Revising the admissions process for veterans treatment court programs; authorizing the court, in consultation with the multidisciplinary team, to determine eligibility for veterans treatment court programs; authorizing sentencing courts to divert defendants to veterans treatment court programs under certain circumstances, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CJ 01/12/2026 Fav/CS JU RC</p>	Fav/CS Yea 8 Nays 0
2	SB 52 Gaetz (Similar H 95)	<p>Security Services at Places of Worship; Providing an exemption from licensure requirements for certain volunteers who provide armed security services for places of worship under certain circumstances, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CJ 01/12/2026 Fav/CS JU RC</p>	Fav/CS Yea 8 Nays 0
3	SB 432 Yarborough (Similar H 309)	<p>Controlled Substances; Adding 7-Hydroxymitragynine as a Schedule I controlled substance; excepting from the list of Schedule I controlled substances certain xylazine animal drug products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and used for certain purposes; providing criminal penalties and requiring a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment if a person sells, manufactures, or delivers or possesses with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver xylazine; creating the offense of trafficking in xylazine; providing criminal penalties and requiring a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment and fines based on the quantity of the controlled substance involved in the offense, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CJ 01/12/2026 Favorable ACJ FP</p>	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0

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4	SB 436 Leek (Identical H 623)	Felony Battery; Providing enhanced criminal penalties for persons who commit a second or subsequent battery after having a prior conviction for resisting an officer with violence, etc. CJ 01/12/2026 Fav/CS ACJ RC	Fav/CS Yea 8 Nays 0
5	SB 524 Simon (Similar H 849)	Department of Law Enforcement; Specifying the circumstances under which an appointment or reappointment to the Medical Examiners Commission is considered in force; requiring the commission, rather than the Governor, to appoint district medical examiners for each medical examiner district; specifying that upon approval by the commission, rather than by the Governor, a physician member of the commission is eligible to serve as a district medical examiner; requiring the commission, rather than the Department of Law Enforcement, to establish or develop specified training components or courses, etc. CJ 01/12/2026 Favorable ACJ FP	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0
6	SB 536 Martin (Similar H 429)	Criminal Gang Members; Revising the definition of the term "criminal gang member", etc. CJ 01/12/2026 Fav/CS ACJ FP	Fav/CS Yea 6 Nays 2
7	SB 590 Bradley (Identical H 373)	Statute of Limitations Period for Violations Involving Required Reports Concerning Children; Providing that the limitations period for offenses concerning specified required reports about children does not begin to run until a law enforcement agency is made aware of the violation, etc. CJ 01/12/2026 Favorable CF RC	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0

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8	SB 676 Arrington (Identical H 559)	Criminal Offenses; Providing criminal penalties for persons who commit any act that causes, tends to cause, encourages, or contributes to a child committing offenses of specified severities; providing criminal penalties for persons who induce or endeavor to induce, by act, threat, command, or persuasion, a child to commit offenses of specified severities; creating the offense of causing or enticing a minor to commit, or in the presence of a minor committing, animal cruelty, etc.	Favorable Yea 8 Nays 0

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