

Attention Survivors of Crime & Victim Advocates

DE's Criminal Justice Improvement Committee

Notice of Public Hearings

The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee of the General Assembly Announces Hearings to Consider Proposals to Improve the Consistency, Clarity, and Fairness of DE's Criminal Code and System of Pretrial Release

Since 2014, DE's General Assembly has enabled the Criminal Justice Improvement Committee to review and propose changes to DE's current criminal code primarily located in DE Code Title 11.

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According to Epilogue language: *"The Committee shall suggest efficiencies, improvements and cost savings to the criminal justice system ... including but not limited to the following areas: statutes in the criminal code, identifying disproportionate, redundant, outdated, duplicative or inefficient statutes; crimes that should or should not constitute*

potential jail time;... bail and alternatives to incarceration including new technologies."

DE's Victims Rights Advocates have provided preliminary comments; however, numerous questions and concerns remain. To review a compilation of comments shared with the Committee, go to the DE Developmental Disabilities Council Website at www.ddc.delaware.gov/

Detailed information about the DRAFT Delaware Criminal Code is available online on the website of the Delaware Controller General at: <https://legis.delaware.gov/Committee/JointFinance/CJIC-Report/>

Hearing Dates:

April 3, 2017 at 6:00 at Clayton Hall, UD, 100 Pencader Way, Newark DE

April 10, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center at DSU, 1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE

April 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the UD, Virden Retreat Center, 700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE

For those interested in providing comment

A portion of the Public Hearing will focus on the Code reform and public comment will be received. Those interested in offering comment should pre-register via e:mail to: Criminal.Justice.Improvement.Comm@state.de.us.

According to the CJIC link, speakers will be limited to five minutes. Volume 1 contains the proposed language of a new criminal code. Volume 2 includes the commentary of the drafters. It is helpful to read both documents. Using the PDF reader "find" tool is a helpful way of searching the code for areas of interest.

For additional information on victim advocacy efforts, go to:

- DE Coalition Against Domestic Violence www.dcadv.org
- DE's Victims' Rights Task Force <https://sites.google.com/site/delawarevrtf/home>
- The Sexual Assault Network of DE www.contactline.org/sand/