



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 601

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House Bill No. 5565

House of Representatives, April 13, 2026

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) There is established a working group
2 to study the civil and criminal laws of this state. Such study shall
3 include, at a minimum, a review of titles 46b, 51, 52, 53, 53a and 54 of
4 the general statutes for the purpose of recommending legislative
5 changes to said titles. The working group shall consist of the following
6 members who have expertise in laws of this state: (1) One appointed by
7 the speaker of the House of Representatives; (2) one appointed by the
8 president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one appointed by the majority
9 leader of the House of Representatives; (4) one appointed by the
10 majority leader of the Senate; (5) one appointed by the minority leader
11 of the House of Representatives; and (6) one appointed by the minority
12 leader of the Senate. The administrative staff of the joint standing
13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to the judiciary shall serve as the administrative staff for the

15 working group. Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall
16 submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint
17 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
18 matters relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of
19 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate
20 on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is
21 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill creates a working group to study civil and criminal laws resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the working group has the expertise needed to meet the requirements of the bill.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 5 (03/30/2026)