HB 462 (Ballinger-23rd) Bill Link
"Raise the Age Act" - The bill increases the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to include children who are 17 years old and revises various references in the Code to reflect this change. The bill establishes an implementation committee, which consists of 12 members and is responsible for conferring with appropriate agencies and interested parties regarding standards and practices of other jurisdictions, the most recent national standards, and the interested parties' views. A superior court will maintain jurisdiction of those who are 17 years old at the time of the alleged crime when those individuals are alleged to have committed criminal gang activity or an offense that would be a felony, if tried as an adult, for a second or subsequent time. Parts I and IV of the bill become effective upon the governor's signature. Parts II and III of the bill become effective January 1, 2025, subject to appropriations. If the co-chairpersons of the implementation committee determine that money was not appropriated for that year, the determination will be made during the following years until January 1, 2030. If those funds are appropriated in one of the following years, it will become effective on January 1 of that fiscal year.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Juvenile Justice Committee. The bill will be on the House Floor for a vote today (MONDAY).

HB 478 (Holly-116th) Bill Link
Codifies the proclamation by the Office of the President of the United States, that would grant a pardon and restore full political, civil, and other rights regarding the offense of simple possession of marijuana.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 500 (Silcox-53rd) Bill Link
Creates the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle. Any person convicted of the offense is punished by a fine up to $100,000 or by imprisonment for a minimum of five years with a maximum of 20 years, or both.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 505 (Cheokas-151st) Bill Link
Makes the offense of riot a felony offense punishable by imprisonment for a minimum of one year up to a maximum of 20 years. (Note that current code defines the offense of "riot" as "any two or more persons who shall do an unlawful act of violence or any other act in a violent and tumultuous manner").
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 544 (Schofield-63rd) Bill Link
Prohibits the use of solitary confinement for punitive purposes in juvenile detention facilities.
Status: House Juvenile Justice Committee

HB 551 (Davis-87th) Bill Link
Authorizes counties and municipal corporations to adopt ordinances governing and punishing the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HR 348 (Silcox-53rd) Bill Link
Creates the House Study Committee on Excessive Vehicle Noise and Related Crimes.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

SB 7 (Beach-21st) Bill Link
Increases the mandatory minimum sentence for serious violent felonies committed with possession of a firearm or knife.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee