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## Juveniles. Inmates. Guns.

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### **Juveniles in solitary confinement** | [Bill HB1185 / SB0655](#)

*Senator Robinson (-Memphis) Representative Chism (Memphis)*

This bill prohibits juvenile detention facilities from placing any juvenile offender in solitary confinement, except in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1) Solitary confinement must not be used before other less restrictive options have been attempted and exhausted, unless attempting those options poses a threat to the safety of any other minor, inmate, or staff;
- 2) Solitary confinement must not be used for the purposes of coercion, convenience, or retaliation by staff; and
- 3) A juvenile detention facility may place a minor offender who presents a serious security risk or an imminent threat to the safety of another in solitary confinement, without a hearing, for a period not to exceed 22 hours; [Click here and click summary for the rest of the summary.](#)

**Action deferred in Senate Judiciary Committee and returned to the Clerk's Desk in the House. Bill is still alive and can be heard next year.**

### **Pregnant inmates in prisons and reformatory institutions.** | [Bill SB1150 / HB1240](#) | *Senator Akbari (Memphis) and Representative Camper (Memphis)*

This bill restricts the use of physical restraints; requires regular prenatal and postpartum medical care; and prohibits the use of solitary confinement—including those who have given birth within the past eight weeks.

**Assigned to General Subcommittee of the Senate State and Local Government Committee. ( Translated that means: we don't want to vote NO but, we also DON'T want to deal with it. )**

**In the House it failed in the Corrections Subcommittee of the State Committee.**

### **Keeping guns out of reach of minors.** | [Bill SB0813 / HB0801](#) | *Senator Akbari (Memphis) and Representative White (Memphis)*

This bill creates a Class A misdemeanor for leaving a firearm or ammunition unattended or within each of a person under 18 years of age in a motor vehicle or boat; unlocked within a trunk, glove box, or interior of the person's motor vehicle or boat. The violation is punishable only by fine of at least \$500.

**Senate Judiciary Committee assigned the bill to a General Subcommittee. ( Translated that means: the bill will go no where. )**

**Representative White saw the writing on the wall and took the bill off notice in the House.**

### **Delinquent and unruly juvenile court records tossed.** | [Bill HB0168 / SB0214](#) | *Senator Haile (Gallatin) and Representative Lamberth (Portland)*

This LAW authorizes the disposal of delinquent and unruly juvenile court records and documents after a period of 10 years after the juvenile turns 18. It also requires a notice of the proposed order be sent to the District Attorney General.

**This bill went into effect May 2nd.**

### **Juvenile Offenders can call home for free** | [Bill HB1189 / SB0956](#)

*Representative Chism (Memphis) and Senator Yarbro (Nashville)*

This bill requires youth development centers, jails, and the Department of Corrections to provide free telephone calls between minors and their parents/guardians.

**Simple enough. No amendments. It passed in the Senate, but failed in the House Corrections Subcommittee.**