

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL**

DATE: May 30, 2017

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Justice Reform focusing on violent/nonviolent crimes

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

A major sticking point with the current justice reform measures is the definition of violent and nonviolent crimes.

Governor Fallin and certain Criminal Justice reform advocates continued assentation that crimes such as domestic abuse with great bodily injury, trafficking in children, engaging in hate crime or violation of protective order with physical violence, to name a few, are non-violent is completely misplaced.

Those of us who support responsible criminal justice reform, have a understanding of the crimes from both the defendants point of view and more importantly from a victims perspective. The fact that these crimes are even considered for reduction in sentences and early release shows a lack of understanding the crimes from a victims point of view.

The goal of this study is to look at each crime in an attempt to ensure the public is protected in this new round of justice reform measures, because violent criminals should not be receiving lower sentences or early release.

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