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- 1** **Public notice of release hearing for killers of peace officers.** Directs the commissioner of corrections to post information for the public 30 days before a release hearing of an inmate sentenced to life for first-degree murder of a peace officer or correctional guard. Authorizes members of the public to submit written statements at the review hearing.
- 2 - 3** **Restraining orders.** Makes structural changes.
- 4** **Violation of order; venue.** Expands venue options for prosecuting violations of restraining orders (this language is similar to venue provisions found in the stalking law). Provides that a person who commits violations in two or more counties may be prosecuted in any county where one of the acts occurred for all acts. Also provides that a person may be prosecuted at the place where a call is made or received or, in the case of electronic communication, where the actor or victim resides, or in the jurisdiction of the victim's designated address in the "Safe at Home" program.