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June 16, 2017

TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee members
FROM: Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
RE: June 28 organizational meeting materials

Congratulations on your appointment to the Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC). The committee's first meeting is on June 28, starting at **10 a.m.** in Room 137 of the Capitol. As the committee's senior senator, Senate President Scott Sales will preside over the meeting until the LJIC elects officers for the 2017-2018 interim.

The tentative meeting agenda and other materials are enclosed in this packet. Please review the materials and bring them with you to Helena for the meeting. You can also find electronic versions of most documents online at the LJIC website: www.leg.mt.gov/ljic.

In addition to the tentative agenda, the meeting materials include:

- the Legislative Council's Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committee;
- information about salary and reimbursements for interim committee meetings;
- a table of the final status of the bills requested by the 2015-2016 LJIC;
- tables of the final statuses of bills requested by the Commission on Sentencing and the Task Force on Public Defender Operations;
- a summary of criminal-justice related legislation enacted in the 2017;
- a list of past LJIC presiding officers;
- the draft work plan for the 2016-2017 interim;
- the preliminary study outline for the House Joint Resolution 6 study;
- a draft study plan for the Senate Joint Resolution 25 study;
- a decision matrix to assist you when you plan the interim's work;
- two required reports that were made available after the end of the previous interim; and
- the public comment guidelines for the interim committees.

You'll find a proposed meeting schedule on page 7 of the draft work plan (the blue document). Please review it and come to the meeting with your calendars so you can set as many meeting dates in advance as possible.

The LJIC staff look forward to working with you this interim. Julianne Burkhardt is the LJIC's

staff attorney, and Laura Sherley is the committee secretary. We'll see you on June 28 and don't hesitate to contact any of us with questions. Julianne is available at 406-444-4025 or jburkhardt@mt.gov. I am available at 406-444-5367 or rweiss@mt.gov. Laura is available at 406-444-9541 or lsherley@mt.gov.

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