

**Law and Justice Interim Committee  
Work Plan Meeting Chart**

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	Sept. 14, 2021	Oct. 28-29, 2021	January 19, 2022	March 21-22, 2022	May 9-10, 2022	June 27, 2022	August 29, 2022
<b>Specific Statutory Duties</b>							
Monitor agency operations and liaise with Judicial Branch	* Continue agency introductions from Judicial Branch and BOPP	* Updates from DOC, BOPP, MBCC	*Update from <i>Judicial Branch</i> * Updates from agencies as requested by LJIC	* Updates from agencies as requested by LJIC	* Updates from agencies as requested by LJIC	* Updates from agencies as requested by LJIC	* Updates from agencies as requested by LJIC
Administrative rule review	* Rules report from legal staff	* Rules report from legal staff	* Rules report from legal staff	* Rules report from legal staff	* Rules report from legal staff	* Rules report from legal staff	* Final rules report from legal staff
Review/request agency legislative proposals					* Determine what information to request from agencies related to proposals	* Review of agency legislative proposals; determine whether to request drafts on behalf of agencies	* Final opportunity for agencies to submit proposals for early drafting

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Receive/review required reports and review advisory councils	* Receive initial overview of required reports * Receive any required reports * Review of councils, or commissions if requested	* Receive any required reports * Review of councils, or commissions if requested	* Receive any required reports * Review of councils, or commissions if requested	* Receive any required reports * Review of councils, or commissions if requested	* Receive any required reports * Review of councils, or commissions if requested	* Receive any required reports * Review of councils, or commissions if requested	* Receive any required reports
<b>Interim Study Assignments</b>							
SB 303: Inmate telecoms	*No agenda items, staff research between meetings	*Receive staff updates on federal rates, other rate information from counties	*Receive audit report, if available *Receive staff updates on federal rates, other rate information from counties <i>*Receive staff report on how other states provide telecom services</i> <i>*Possible panel presentation with stakeholders</i>	*Receive audit report, if available * Options for additional information as needed * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	*Receive audit report, if available * Options for additional information as needed * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Continue to develop recommendations	*Receive audit report, if available * Continue to develop recommendations * Revise any recommendations or legislation, as needed	*Receive audit report, if available *Review of staff summary * Adopt any recommendations * Finalize any legislation and assign sponsors

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HJ 4: Study of criminal proceedings and commitment of people with mental illness	*No agenda items, staff research between meetings	*No agenda items, staff research between meetings	* Receive staff paper(s) on existing laws, legal framework, other states, data on use and cost of Galen facility *Stakeholder panels	* Options for additional information as needed * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Options for additional information as needed * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Continue to develop recommendations	* Continue to develop recommendations * Revise any recommendations or legislation, as needed	*Review of staff summary * Adopt any recommendations * Finalize any legislation and assign sponsors
HJ 31: Study of criminal justice data	* LFD staff review of MARA subcommittee data work	* <i>Roundtable discussion with state and national stakeholders</i>	* <i>Review/comment on model legislation</i> * Options for additional information and panels, as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Options for additional information as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Options for additional information as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Revise any recommendations or legislation, as needed	*Review of staff summary * Adopt any recommendations * Finalize any legislation and assign sponsors
HJ 40: Study of the Judicial Standards Commission	* Receive staff paper on Commission statutes/history * Presentation from Commission presiding officer and the Chief Justice	* Receive audit, if prioritized by the Audit Committee * Additional information as requested, including ideas for changes * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Receive audit, if prioritized by the Audit Committee * Additional information as requested, including ideas for changes * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Receive audit, if prioritized by the Audit Committee * Additional information as requested, including ideas for changes * Begin to narrow focus, as needed * Develop recommendations as needed	* Options for additional information as needed * Develop and review recommendations as needed	* Revise any recommendations or legislation as needed	*Review of staff summary * Adopt any recommendations * Finalize any legislation and assign sponsors

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SJ 26 Study the Montana Women's Prison	* Revise/adopt work plan with decision on whether to conduct the study or to inform Legislative Council of LJIC decision to take no action on it	* Receive copy of letter to Council	<i>*Discussion with DOC staff on strategic plan and MWP needs (tentative based on best date for DOC staff)</i>	<i>*Discussion with DOC staff on strategic plan and MWP needs (tentative based on best date for DOC staff)</i>			
<b>Member and Emerging Issues</b>							
Follow up on previous LJIC legislation from 2021 session: SB 39, HB 91, HB 92	*Updates on SB 38 and HB 91	<i>*HB 92 updates as possible</i>	<i>*HB 92 updates as possible</i>	*Updates as requested	*Updates as requested	*Updates as requested	*Updates as requested

Acronyms:

BOPP = Board of Pardons and Parole

DOC = Department of Corrections

DOJ = Department of Justice

LJIC = Law and Justice Interim Committee

LSD = Legislative Services Division

MBCC = Montana Board of Crime Control

OPD = Office of State Public Defender

POST = Public Safety Officers Standards and Training Council