

**2023 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The New Mexico Legislative Council created the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee (CCJ) on May 1, 2023. During the 2023 interim and as time permits, the CCJ will examine the following topics and receive presentations that address or include:

A. courts:

1. an update from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC);
2. updates from the judiciary, including from the supreme court, the dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law and the chair of the Appellate Judges Nominating Commission;
3. an update from the Public Defender Department, including discussion of:
 - a. caseloads;
 - b. staffing and staff training; and

- c. programs, budgets and budget priorities in each district and legislative priorities;
 4. an update from the AOC, the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys and the New Mexico District Attorney Association, including discussion of:
 - a. caseloads;
 - b. staffing and staff training; and
 - c. programs, budgets and budget priorities in each district and legislative priorities;
 5. justice reinvestment opportunities for the AOC, public defenders and district attorneys;
 6. peer support and divergence; and
 7. sufficient court funding;
- B. corrections oversight:
 1. discussion of CCJ staff oversight;
 2. an update from the New Mexico Sentencing Commission;
 3. an update from the Corrections Department, including discussion of:
 - a. staffing and staff training;
 - b. programs, budgets, budget priorities and legislative priorities; and
 - c. probation and parole;
 4. a report on a review of DWI arrests, booking and post-arrest protocol (House Memorial 74 (2023)); and
 5. a report regarding changes to improve compliance of local, county, state and federal jails and detention and correctional facilities with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (House Memorial 40 (2023));
- C. criminal law and criminal justice reform:
 1. criminal justice reform and recommended legislation, including:

- a. probation and parole reform;
 - b. pretrial detention;
 - c. fines and fees reform; and
 - d. justice reinvestment;
2. a study and redraft of the Criminal Code by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission; and
 3. an update from the Office of the Attorney General;
- D. policing and law enforcement;
- E. gun safety;
- F. the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), regarding the *Kevin S.* settlement discussion regarding codification;
- G. topic requests by committee members, including:
1. legislative history and interpretation;
 2. intergovernmental tribal agreements;
 3. AOC specialty courts;
 4. the Children's Code Task Force;
 5. guardianship oversight;
 6. data integration;
 7. the Gateway Center;
 8. the Veterans Integration Centers;
 9. methadone clinics;
 10. overcrowded jails;
 11. police shootings;
 12. gun safety, including what other states have done to address gun safety;

13. sexual and domestic violence in relation to landlords and tenants;
14. the CYFD Juvenile Advisory Council;
15. parole reform (Senate Bill 84 (2023));
16. the Constitutional Revision Commission;
17. legislative pay;
18. the separation of powers;
19. probation and parole technical violations;
20. an evaluation of vetoed bills;
21. detainment for federal immigration violations (Senate Bill 172 (2023));
22. the processes of selecting and retaining judges;
23. public safety and pretrial detention;
24. language access in state courts;
25. a tour of Crossroads for Women;
26. the process by which New Mexico can access an annual \$25 million federal grant to address post-separation child and intimate partner abuse cases appearing in family and domestic violence courts;
27. the "Let Them Play" bill relating to provisions concerning student athletics (Senate Bill 384 (2023));
28. the use of a search warrant for a blood draw on a person charged with a misdemeanor DWI, which is not allowed under current law, and whether to allow the use of such search warrants for a first, second or third offense;
29. a presentation regarding pretrial detention, including updated data on re-offenders and habitual offenders;
30. an explanation of recent changes to the use of the Arnold tool by the Second Judicial District Court;
31. an update regarding officer vacancies in the Albuquerque Police Department;

32. a comprehensive discussion of behavioral health services and responses to criminal activity;
 33. a presentation regarding the fentanyl epidemic, including updated data for fentanyl-related deaths;
 34. a presentation from the AOC regarding the processing of outstanding warrants;
 35. a presentation regarding infant fatalities occurring while a child is under the care of the CYFD and a discussion of oversight options for the CYFD;
 36. a presentation regarding issues associated with the legalization of recreational marijuana, including jurisdictional issues for minors found in possession of marijuana at school, marijuana as contraband and driving while under the influence of marijuana;
 37. a presentation from the New Mexico Livestock Board regarding livestock theft;
 38. construction of a regional behavioral health facility to address behavioral health needs;
 39. an examination of chaptered bills;
 40. police training reform;
 41. a discussion of fines and fees;
 42. juvenile life without parole;
 43. foster youth identification cards;
 44. gun legislation to address liability for manufacturers; and
 45. firearm accessibility and preventive measures;
- H. legislation for committee consideration; and
- I. as necessary, examination of other issues relevant to courts, corrections and justice and criminal justice reform.

Please note that the aforementioned categories are for organizational purposes only, and specific presentation items may fall within more than one category.

**Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee
2023 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 5	Santa Fe
July 17-18	Ruidoso
August 22-24	Las Cruces
September 27-29	Albuquerque
October 25-27	Las Vegas
November 20-21	Santa Fe