

**2021 PROPOSED  
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 3, 2021. During the 2021 interim and as time permits, the CCJ proposes to receive presentations on the following:

1. criminal justice reform and recommended legislation, including:
  - probation and parole reform; and
  - pretrial detention;
2. legislator compensation;
3. a study and redraft of the Criminal Code by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission;
4. a report from the task force on private prisons, including input regarding cost-benefit analyses and larger economic effects of a proposed moratorium on private prisons;
5. updates from the secretary of state regarding proposed election law changes;
6. animal abuse and human violence;

7. criminal law issues related to recreational cannabis use;
8. law enforcement training reform, including:
  - prolonged restraint;
  - law enforcement training protocol; and
  - law enforcement use of force;
9. the intersection of science and public safety;
10. domestic terrorism;
11. independent oversight of the Corrections Department;
12. an update on violence intervention program legislation;
13. federal Department of Justice oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department;
14. the influence of gangs in the prison system;
15. an update from the Administrative Office of the Courts, including discussion of:
  - the Supreme Court order placing a stay on evictions;
  - court operations during the transition from COVID-19 protocol;
  - programs;
  - unified budget, budget priorities and legislative priorities; and
  - court updates;
16. an update from the Public Defender Department, including discussion of:
  - caseloads;
  - staffing and staff training; and
  - programs, budgets and budget priorities in each district and legislative priorities;
17. an update from the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys and the New Mexico District Attorney Association, including discussion of:
  - caseloads;
  - staffing and staff training; and
  - programs, budgets and budget priorities in each district and legislative priorities;
18. an update from the Corrections Department, including discussion of:
  - staffing and staff training;
  - programs, budgets and budget priorities and legislative priorities; and
  - probation and parole;

19. an update from the New Mexico Sentencing Commission, including discussion of the *2021 New Mexico Prison Population Forecast*;
20. legislation for committee consideration; and
21. as necessary, examination of other issues relevant to courts, corrections and justice and criminal justice reform.

Additionally, the CCJ proposes to hold a joint meeting with the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee to discuss issues involving public health, child welfare and the criminal justice system, including:

- updates on the *Kevin S.* settlement;
- law enforcement officers and their interactions with persons with disabilities or mental health conditions;
- updates from the Family Representation Task Force;
- a brief summary of the proposed State Indian Child Welfare Act; and
- the use of medication-assisted treatment in prisons.

**Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee  
2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 8	Video Conference
July 26-27	Santa Fe
August 9-11	Santa Fe
September 13	Albuquerque
September 27-29	Santa Fe (Joint meeting with the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee on September 29)
October 12-13	Las Cruces
November 8-10	Santa Fe