

**2021 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 3, 2021. During the 2021 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, including discussion of:
 - the Supreme Court order placing a stay on evictions;
 - court operations during the transition from COVID-19 pandemic protocols;
 - programs;
 - the unified budget of the courts, budget priorities and legislative priorities;
 - court interpreter accessibility;
 - backlogs of cases on appeal; and
 - court updates;
2. court-sponsored mediation programs;
3. court procedures for foreclosures;

4. expungement of records by the Department of Public Safety and Supreme Court rulemaking regarding expungement;
5. 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; and
6. 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.

B. Corrections

1. an update from the New Mexico Sentencing Commission, including a discussion of the *New Mexico Prison Population Forecast: FY 2021-FY 2030*;
2. an update from the Corrections Department, including discussion of:
 - staffing and staff training;
 - programs, budgets, budget priorities and legislative priorities; and
 - probation and parole;
3. possible creation of a Corrections Department ombud;
4. the influence of gangs in the prison system;
5. transitional housing; and
6. a report from the study group on private prisons, including input regarding cost-benefit analyses and larger economic effects of a proposed moratorium on private prisons.

C. Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Reform

1. criminal justice reform and recommended legislation, including:
 - probation and parole reform; and
 - pretrial detention;
2. a study and redraft of the Criminal Code by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission;

3. animal abuse and human violence;
4. domestic terrorism;
5. shoplifting;
6. criminal law issues related to recreational cannabis use; and
7. juvenile justice.

D. Policing and Law Enforcement

1. law enforcement training reform, including:
 - prolonged restraint;
 - law enforcement training protocol;
 - law enforcement use of force; and
 - law enforcement hiring practices;
2. the intersection of science and public safety; and
3. federal Department of Justice oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department.

E. Elections

1. updates from the secretary of state regarding proposed election law changes; and
2. redistricting.

F. Violence Prevention and Children, Youth and Families

1. a proposed State Indian Child Welfare Act;
2. the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force; and
3. violence intervention program legislation.

G. Legislator Compensation.

H. Tobacco Settlement Litigation.

I. The New Mexico Civil Rights Act.

J. Legislation for Committee Consideration.

K. 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.

Additionally, the CCJ will 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;
- creation of a Children, Youth and Families Department ombud;
- law enforcement officers and their interactions with persons with disabilities or mental health conditions;
- updates from the Family Representation Task Force;
- child abuse, sexual violence and domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- revisions to the Family Violence Protection Act and a presentation from the Crime Victims Reparation Commission;
- child testimony and increased trauma in a court setting; and
- the use of medication-assisted treatment in prisons.

**Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee
2021 Approved 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 28-29)
October 12-13	Las Cruces
November 8-10	Santa Fe