

**2022 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 April 26, 2022. During the 2022 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;
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:
 - caseloads;
 - staffing and staff training; and
 - programs, budgets and budget priorities in each district and legislative priorities;
4. an update from the Administrative Office of the Courts, 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;
5. justice reinvestment opportunities for the Administrative Office of the Courts, public defenders and district attorneys;
 6. peer support and divergence;
 7. sufficient court funding;
 8. data on race, ethnicity and gender; and
 9. rulemaking on expungement;
- B. Corrections Oversight:
1. discussion of CCJ staff oversight;
 2. an update from the New Mexico Sentencing Commission; and
 3. an update from the Corrections Department, including discussion of:
 - staffing and staff training;
 - programs, budgets, budget priorities and legislative priorities; and
 - probation and parole;
- C. Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Reform:
1. criminal justice reform and recommended legislation, including:
 - probation and parole reform;
 - pretrial detention;
 - fines and fees reform; and
 - justice reinvestment;
 2. a study and redraft of the Criminal Code by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission;
 3. an update from the Office of the Attorney General; and
 4. juvenile parole;

D. Policing and Law Enforcement:

1. a review of 2022 enacted legislation;
2. law enforcement training reform;
3. trauma-informed and culturally competent intervention;
4. an update from the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy;
5. the status of federal oversight of the Albuquerque Police Department; and
6. return-to-work policies;

E. Gun Safety:

1. a discussion from a panel of stakeholders;
2. federal and state responses; and
3. constitutional issues;

F. Elections:

1. voter education and an independent redistricting commission; and
2. elections reforms sought during the 2022 legislative session;

G. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD):

1. a model for a CYFD ombud;
2. the *Kevin S.* settlement discussion regarding codification;
3. a discussion of the death of a child in CYFD custody; and
4. implementation of the Indian Family Protection Act;

H. Topic Requests by Committee Members and the Public:

1. bankruptcy reform;
2. the Office of Family Representation and Advocacy;

3. the State Bar of New Mexico Equity and Inclusion Office;
 4. the University of New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research's preliminary results of its study regarding the modernization of the legislature;
 5. an update on the Financial Disclosure Act;
 6. organized crime;
 7. drugged driving;
 8. allegations of sexual abuse at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Los Lunas;
 9. regionalization of water systems;
 10. separation of powers issues; and
 11. mandatory independent investigation of police shootings;
- I. legislation for committee consideration; and
 - J. as necessary, an examination of other issues relevant to courts, corrections and justice and criminal justice reform.

**Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee
2022 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 2	Santa Fe
July 25-27	Santa Fe
August 22-24	Santa Fe
September 1	Santa Fe
September 28-30	Santa Fe
October 17-19	Las Cruces
November 21-22	Santa Fe
December TBD	Santa Fe