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Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee

Formerly The Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee

The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee exercises oversight over the Department of Corrections and works with and provides assistance to other legislative committees on matters related to corrections policies.

Previous Meetings - Full Report

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**
- 9:15 AM** **Overview of Committee Charges**
Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 9:30 AM** **S.107 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a juvenile**
Addressing the Governor's Veto
Implementation of Raise the Age
Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families
John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs
Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary
Evan Meenan, Deputy Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.
Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office
David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
- 11:15 AM** **Break**

11:30 AM DOC Update on Justice Reinvestment II

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of Corrections

Monica Weeber, Director of Administrative Services, Department of Corrections

1:00 PM Committee Discussion

Schedule Future Meetings and Agenda Items

1:20 AM Adjourn

Thursday, July 15, 2021**Meeting Details**

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record**9:30 AM Contingent Housing vs. Scattered Housing**

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

David D'Amora, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Emily Higgins, Corrections Housing Administrator, Department of Corrections

10:15 AM Update on Issues in Women's Correctional Facility

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

10:30 AM S.7 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Judge Thomas Zonay

12:30 PM Break**1:00 PM S.7 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

David D'Amora, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Jaye Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's Office

Evan Meenan, Deputy Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual
Violence

1:30 PM DOC Facility Staffing Shortage Issues

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

3:15 PM Adjourn

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Raise The Age Programming Including Housing

Tyler Allen, Adolescent Services Director, DCF, Family Services Division

Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children
and Families

10:45 AM Youthful Offender Status Definitions

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:00 AM Beckett Facility

*Status of Youthful Offenders Going to Beckett(Judicial/Non Judicial)
Plan B for Beckett*

Joseph Aja, Director Design & Construction, Department of Buildings and General
Services

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Jenn Herbert, Clinical Director, Department for Children and Families

Tabrena Karish, Building Engineer, Department of Buildings and General Services

Marc O'Grady, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

Judy Rex, Director of Policy and Planning, Department for Children and Families

Doug Sonsalla, Principal, Studio Nexus Architects and Planners

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Juveniles Sent Out of State**

Efficiency of Sending Juveniles Out of State

Number Of Juveniles Currently Out of State

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

1:30 PM **S.7 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

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Mairead O'Reilly, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Michelle Pelletier, Restitution Unit Manager, Center for Crime Victim Services

2:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

2:30 PM **Adjourn**

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.7 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

Committee Charge and New Legislation

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM **Youthful Offender Status vs. Raise the Age**

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM **DOC and Overall AHS Staffing Issues**

Overall issues and plans to address them

Will Beckett draw staff away from other providers?

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Jenney Samuelson, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Human Services

- **Department of Corrections Staff**

Qualifications and placement of new staff

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

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Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Rosemary Webber, Director, Office of Professional Standards and Compliance,
Department of Corrections

12:30 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Progress on Body Camera Policy

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Jodi Barriere, Safety Manager, Department of Corrections

Christine Cowart, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Corrections

1:30 PM Visit to Women's Reentry Facility in Maine

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

Bill Soule, Community Corrections District Manager, Department of Corrections

2:15 PM Review of Misdemeanor Probation Use by the Sentencing Commission

Karen Gennette, Executive Director
Crime Research Group, Vermont Sentencing
Commission

2:30 PM Committee Discussion

2:45 PM Adjourn

Friday, October 15, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.7 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records**

Legislative Charge

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

T.J. Donovan, Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Evan Meenan, Deputy Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Mairead O'Reilly, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

Jennifer Poehlmann, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim Services

12:45 PM **Lunch**

1:15 PM **Prison Transports**

Current System

Report on use of state paid deputies for transports

Alternative contract options for transports

Mark Anderson, President, Sheriff's Association

Tim Ashe, Deputy State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Lamoille County

Annie Noonan, SAS Labor Relations and Operations Manager, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Association

3:15 AM **Committee Discussion**

3:30 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, October 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record**1:20 PM UVM Presentation on Child Custody Issues in Vermont***Joint Meeting with Child Protection Committee*

Hannah Holbrook, Clinical Psychologist, University of Vermont

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Jessica Strolin-Goltzman, Professor, College of Education and Social Services,
University of Vermont**3:00 PM Adjourn****Friday, November 5, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM Rule 74**

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Emily Carr, General Counsel, Department of Corrections

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

10:30 AM S.7 - An act relating to expanding access to expungement and sealing of criminal history records*Legislative Recommendations*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Lunch**1:00 PM Role of State Deputies***Recommendations for updating duties*

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Lamoille County

Annie Noonan, SAS Labor Relations and Operations Manager, State's Attorneys and
Sheriffs Association**1:45 PM Update on Criminal Justice Fines and Fees**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Dan Dickerson, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

2:00 PM **Adjourn**

Friday, November 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Rule 74**

Emily Carr, General Counsel, Department of Corrections

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Emily Tredeau, Supervising Attorney, Prisoners' Rights Office, Office of the Defender
General

Judge Thomas Zonay, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

11:00 AM **Criminal Justice Council and Department of Corrections Updates**

-minimum training standards of correctional officers

-process for certification/decertification of correctional officers

-proposals on complaint investigations within DOC,

-proposal on addressing the relationship between CJC and DOC's

Investigative Unit on the scope of investigative authority

Al Cormier, Chief of Operations, Department of Corrections

Heather Simons, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Council

Rose Webber, Director, Office of Professional Standards and Compliance, Department
of Corrections

11:30 AM **Covid -19 Updates**

Department of Corrections

Al Cormier, Chief of Operations, Department of Corrections

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Rachel Feldman, Principal Assistant and Public Information Officer, Office of the
Commissioner, Department of Corrections

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM State Paid Deputies

Current system and suggested changes

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Anderson, President, Sheriff's Association

Annie Noonan, Labor Relations and Operations Manager, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Association

3:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, June 7, 2022**Meeting Details**

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record**9:30 AM Overview of Committee Charge**

Future Agenda Items and Witnesses

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:30 AM Study on deceptive and coercive methods of law enforcement interrogation.

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

Dan Trottier, Sergeant, Public Safety Department

12:00 PM Lunch**1:00 PM Study of Restorative Justice Programming in Vermont**

Robert Sand, Founding Director, Center for Justice Reform, Vermont Law School

Ping Showalter, Former Student, Vermont Law School

2:30 PM Update of DOC's Population Data

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

3:00 PM **Adjourn**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **S.45 - An act relating to earned discharge from probation**

Update on Mid Point Review

Dale Crook, Director of Field Services, Department of Corrections

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

11:00 AM **S.3 - An act relating to competency to stand trial and insanity as a defense**

Section 6 (Forensic Working Group)

Karen Barber, General Counsel, Department of Mental Health

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Nicole DiStasio, Interim Policy Director, Department of Mental Health

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Stuart Schurr, General Counsel, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living

Samantha Sweet, Director of Mental Health Services, Department of Mental Health

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **S.224 - An act relating to juvenile proceedings**

Update on plan for secure placements for 18 year old offenders

Update on secure treatments and aftercare for 12-17 year old offenders

Update on current 15 year old in Chittenden facility

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

Joshua Rutherford, Director of Classification and Facility Designation, Department of Corrections

2:00 PM **Restorative Justice Funding**

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Lindy Boudreau, Juvenile Justice Director, Department for Children and Families
 Willa Farrell, Director, Court Diversion and Pre-Trial Services
 Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice Executive, Department of
 Corrections

3:00 PM **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Committee Discussion

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **JRII Investments**

How to collect data and outcomes

Effectiveness of investments

Explanation of FY22 Carry forward for funding

Maria Belliveau, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Kristin Calver, Finance Director, Department of Corrections

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice Executive, Department of
 Corrections

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual
 Violence

Cheryl Wilcox, Interagency Planning Director, Department of Mental Health

11:15 AM **Geographic Consistency and Equity of Restorative Justice Initiatives in Vermont**

Which counties are using sequential intercept model/how often

Statutory requirements for Restorative Justice initiatives in Vermont

Overview of Services

Lindy Boudreau, Juvenile Justice Director, Department for Children and Families

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

Willa Farrell, Director, Court Diversion and Pre-Trial Services

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Judge Thomas Zonay, Chief Superior Judge, Vermont Judiciary

- 1:00 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:45 PM** **Geographic Consistency and Equity of Restorative Justice Initiatives in Vermont**
 Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections
 Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice Executive, Department of Corrections
- 2:00 AM** **Overview of Interrogation Study for Sept 28th Meeting**
 Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 2:15 PM** **DOC Staffing Methods**
 Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections
 Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association
- 3:40 PM** **Adjourn**

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM** **Police Interrogation Techniques for Juveniles**
Use of False Information
 Nathaniel Erb, Policy Advocate, The Innocence Project
- 11:00 AM** **Law Enforcement Training Audit**
Report from the State Auditor's Office
 Tim Ashe, Deputy State Auditor, State Auditor's Office
- 12:00 AM** **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM** **Update on our Criminal Justice Centers**
 Heather Hobart, Director, Lamoille Restorative Center
 Rachel Jolly, Executive Director, Burlington Community Justice Center

Mel Motel, Director, Brattleboro Community Justice Center

2:00 PM Update on Placements for Violent Juveniles with mental Health Issues

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Erica Marthage, State's Attorney, Bennington County

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

Joshua Rutherford, Director of Classification and Facility Designation, Department of Corrections

3:30 PM Update on Utilization of Funding

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

4:00 PM Adjourn

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:20 AM Committee Discussion and Planning

Committee Discussion and Planning

Other Legislative Recommendations

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

10:45 AM Out of State Bed Savings FY22

Recommendations for Justice Reinvestment II in FY23

Committee Discussion

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

11:45 AM Process for Certification and Decertification of Correctional Officers

Al Cormier, Chief of Operations, Department of Corrections

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Heather Simons, Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

12:30 PM **Lunch**

1:15 PM **Committee Discussion**

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:30 PM **Community Justice Centers Recommendations**

Committee Discussion and Planning

Other Legislative Recommendations

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice Executive, Department of Corrections

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

2:15 PM **Update on Placement of Violent Juveniles**

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Jenney Samuelson, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

2:50 PM **Community Justice Centers Recommendations**

continued

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Jill Evans, Executive Director, Essex Community Justice Center

Willa Farrell, Director, Court Diversion and Pre-Trial Services

Derek Miodownik, Restorative and Community Justice Executive, Department of Corrections

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

4:00 PM **Adjourn**

Monday, December 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:10 AM Vermont Monitoring Trends after 2020*Justice Reinvestment II*

David D'Amora, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center

11:24 AM Minimum Training of Correctional Officers Compliant Investigations

Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Jim Rice, Director of the Office of Professional Standards and Compliance, Department of Corrections

12:23 PM Lunch**1:05 PM Temporary Placement of Violent Criminals**

Harry Chen, Interim Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

Aryka Radke, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Department for Children and Families

2:00 PM Allocation of Out of State Bed Funds*Committee Discussion and vote*

Stephanie Barrett, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Juvenile Interrogation Techniques*Committee Discussion on bill proposal and vote*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- Restorative Justice Approach to Criminal Justice*Committee Discussion*

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM Adjourn

