

LJIC WORK PLAN TIMELINE SUMMARY

(AS OF MAY 2026)

The following timeline provides a draft outline of the LJIC’s work during the 2025-2026 interim. This is a working document intended to help the committee plan its work. The timeline will be updated or revised to address scheduling, emerging issues, or to reallocate staff time to other topics*.

*The LJIC adopted its work plan on July 16, 2025, and reserved 0.09 FTE for emerging issues.

Date	Activities	Tasks/Agenda Items/Policy Decisions
July 16, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organizational ➤ Agency introductions ➤ Member Topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Elect officers ◇ Review, adopt work plan ◇ Review calendar ◇ All agencies except the Public Safety Officer Standards & Training Council ◇ Assign preliminary priorities
Sept. 10, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organizational ➤ Agency introductions ➤ Assigned Studies ➤ Member Topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Review timeline/meeting chart ◇ Public Safety Officer Standards & Training Council ◇ Administrative Rule Review ◇ HJ23: Youth Court Laws ◇ Staff legislative history of the Montana Youth Court Act ◇ Office of Court Administrator review of Youth Court Report Card reports ◇ HJ32: Advanced Investigator Qualifications for Law Enforcement ◇ State and local agency presentations on current educational programs and opportunities for advanced crime investigators ◇ HJ56: Search and Rescue Services and Funding ◇ Stakeholder panel ◇ DUI Laws ◇ Presentation from LJIC staff on 2025-related legislation and the current statutory scheme of state DUI laws

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Other Issues/ Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ HALO Law ◇ Presentation from LJIC staff on HALO laws in other states ◇ Reference checks for PSOs ◇ Presentation from LJIC staff on relevant laws in other states ◇ MBCC update on the criminal justice data warehouse ◇ LFD presentation on Criminal Justice resource library
Nov. 18-19, 2026 MISSOULA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency Oversight ➤ Assigned Studies ➤ Member Topics ➤ Other Issues/Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Dept. of Corrections Update ◇ HJ23: Youth Court Laws ◇ Missoula Youth Court panel ◇ Tour Missoula Juvenile Detention Facility ◇ Tour Missoula Youth Home ◇ Reference checks for PSOs ◇ Stakeholder panel ◇ Tour Missoula Pre-Release Center/Correctional Services ◇ Missoula County tour of MacArthur grant-funded services ◇ Blue Envelope Program overview
Jan 14, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency Oversight ➤ Assigned studies ➤ Member Topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Department of Corrections Commits workgroup update ◇ Department of Justice general agency update and educational presentations ◇ Administrative Rule Review ◇ HJ32: Advanced Investigator Qualifications for Law Enforcement ◇ Presentation from RAINN ◇ HJ56: Search and Rescue Services and Funding ◇ Presentation from MSPOA on the history and process for securing reimbursement by SAR search and rescue programs ◇ Montana Bar Fairies ◇ Presentation on organization

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March 5-6, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency Oversight ➤ Assigned Studies ➤ Member Topics ➤ Other Issues/ Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Department of Corrections Commits workgroup update ◇ Department of Justice agency update presentations ◇ Administrative Rule Review ◇ HJ23: Youth Court Laws ◇ Sponsor and state agency input to simplify and streamline the Youth Court Act. ◇ HALO/Buffer Zone Law ◇ Stakeholder panel ◇ Reference Checks for PSOs ◇ Review of committee legislation – LJIC PD1 ◇ Educational presentation on Montana’s court system: role of bonds/bondsman and jurisdiction/authority & challenges re: remote appearance and role of OPD ◇ Office of Court Administrator 2025 Workload study ◇ MBCC update on the criminal justice data warehouse ◇ Presentation from NCSL on other states’ policy responses on 7-OH
May 7, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency Oversight ➤ Committee legislation ➤ Assigned Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Department of Corrections agency update ◇ Administrative Rule Review ◇ Committee Legislation ◇ Review of provisional draft re: Sexual Assault Response Network program ◇ Review of provision draft re: Crime of obstructing a first responder with specified intent after a warning ◇ HJ32: Advanced Investigator Qualifications for Law Enforcement ◇ Stakeholder panel on funding for trainings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Member Topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ HALO/Buffer Zone Law ◇ Panel of representatives from states with HALO/Buffer zone laws ◇ DUI Laws ◇ Presentation on Montana DUI and Child Endangerment laws
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Other Issues/ Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ MBCC update on the criminal justice data warehouse ◇ Presentation on state correctional grievance program and overview of other states correctional ombuds programs
July 14, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency Oversight ➤ Assigned Studies/Member Topics ➤ Other Issues/ Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Updates as requested by committee/Administrative Rule Review (if needed) ◇ Agency legislative proposals (if needed) ◇ Review findings and recommendations, if any ◇ Review proposed draft legislation and/or work products, if any ◇ MBCC update on the criminal justice data warehouse
September 1, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency Oversight ➤ Assigned Studies/ Member Topics ➤ Other Issues/ Agenda Items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Required biennial agency reports ◇ Administrative Rule Review (if needed) ◇ Agency legislative proposals (if needed) ◇ All Topics ◇ Finalize all committee legislation ◇ Finalize committee reports on member topics, if necessary ◇ Select bill sponsors ◇ Required reports ◇ MBCC update on the criminal justice data warehouse