

**Legal Services Office** 

## **Agency Bill Drafting Workshop Agenda**

September 16, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m Room 102, State Capitol Building and Zoom

1:00 p.m. Introductions

1:10 p.m. The Art & Science of Bill Drafting

\* Overview of the art & science of bill drafting

\* Constitutional & legal considerations

\* Overview of the legal review note process

\* Bill drafting & technical rules

\* The anatomy of a bill

\* Drafting aids & tools of the trade and the 2022 Bill Drafting Manual

\* Bill drafting macros

2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:40 p.m. Searching the Montana Code Annotated on Folio

2:55 p.m. Legislative Branch Website <u>LAWS System</u> Abbreviated Tutorial

\* 2021 Bill Summary

\* 2019 Bill Summary

\* 5-Session Bill Summaries

3:10 p.m. Agency Bill Drafting Deadlines

\* Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representative (see JR 40-40(5)

regarding preintroduction for agency bills)

3:15 p.m. Wrap-Up - Questions

3:30 p.m. Adios - Evaluations for the Workshop

Please Contact Jaret Coles at least one day prior to the meeting if you desire the Zoom link: jaret.coles@legmt.gov