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TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee

FROM: Rachel Weiss

RE: December 5 meeting agenda and materials

The Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) will meet on December 5 in Helena in Room 102 of the Capitol. The meeting starts at **8 a.m**.

The tentative meeting agenda is enclosed in this meeting packet. Please bring the packet with you to Helena for the meeting. In addition to the tentative agenda, the packet includes:

- a paper explaining the reports that are required by law to be submitted to the LJIC and the statutorily required review by the committee of advisory councils and commissions;
- statistics from the Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardons and Parole that members requested at the September meeting;
- information previously requested by Senator Murphy that relates to the requested statistics;
- a background paper on quasi-judicial boards in Montana (for the SJ 3 study);
- a background paper on parenting plan guidelines in Montana's District Courts (for the SJ 22 study);
- work plan tables for each study;
- materials related to various agenda items from presenters;
- a press release from the Department of Corrections highlighting the hiring of an American Indian liaison; and
- public comments received since the previous meeting.

An additional report on parole boards and parole criteria in other states with part-time parole boards will be emailed and mailed out to you later this month. That mailing will also include your administrative rule memo and any other meeting materials or public comment that arrived after November 20.

Please note one emailed public comment about SJ 22 included two large files and a video file. I will email those materials so you can access them via email. If you need hard copies of those comments, please let me know so I can have them for you at the meeting. I have also included the letter from Mr. Rob Stephens that you might have received at the last meeting as a handout. Mr. Stephens is an invited panelist so I sent it again in case anyone didn't receive it or remember it.

For those of you who like to follow along on your laptops or tablets during the meeting, most meeting materials are posted on the LJIC website: www.leg.mt.gov/ljic. Please feel free to contact any of your staff with questions. I can be reached at 444-5367 or rweiss@mt.gov. Julianne is available at 444-4025. Dawn can be reached at 444-3073 or dfield@mt.gov.

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