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TO: Commission on Sentencing members FROM: Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services RE: September 20 meeting agenda

The Commission on Sentencing meeting again in Helena on September 20 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 152 of the Capitol. It is likely to be a full-day meeting.

The tentative meeting agenda is enclosed in this mailing. The mailing also includes documents that will either be discussed at the meeting or provide background information. Please bring this packet with you to Helena. Other printed materials will be provided at the meeting, and you can also access most of these documents online at www.leg.mt.gov/cos.

In addition to the tentative agenda, this mailing should include:

- an updated list of Justice Reinvestment Policy Options;
- a table listing the preliminary bill drafts that will be part of the discussion this meeting and copies of each draft;
- recommendations from the Statute Review Subcommittee;
- a copy of a memo from the CSG Justice Center staff that provides an overview of Montana's criminal record clearance policies. You received an electronic copy of the memo earlier in the summer.
- information and selected statutes that relate to when a driver's license can be suspended or revoked. This information was provided in response to a request from the Statute Review Subcommittee.
- a copy of Senate Bill No. 224 (2015);
- a *New York Times* article related to imprisonment rates in rural areas. The article is provided at the suggestion of the CSG Justice Center staff; and
- public comment received between 9/1 and 9/9.

Those of you who indicated interest in touring the Helena Pre-release Center and Elkhorn on the day before the meeting will receive information via email when it is available.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. My email is rweiss@mt.gov and my phone number is 406-444-5367.