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Members of the Law and Justice Interim Committee,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in response to requests made by members of the Law and Justice Interim Committee during its Jan. 14, 2026, meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

What authorizes a DOC Commit decision?

The authority for DOC Commit and Community Releases (CR) is granted to the DOC in MCA [46-18-201](#). Clarity has been added over time through various related court decisions.

Provide research related to states with laws similar to DOC Commits.

See attachment: MT DOC Commit Research-Other States

Provide charts depicting percentage and numbers for DOC Commits.

See attachments: Percent DOC Commits by Type, Number DOC Commits by Type

How many DOC Commits are back on the street within defined timeframes, including crime types.

See attachments: DOC Commit Data, worksheet = DOC Commits-Days from Sentence, DOC Commit Five-Year sentence