



JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 9, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the August 24, 2023, meeting](#)

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CODE STUDY

9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Derek Steiner, Cass County Assistant State's Attorney, regarding a prosecutor's perspective on juvenile justice

CHILD WELFARE STUDY

9:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by [Mr. Cory Pedersen](#), Director, Children and Family Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the state's child welfare system

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Raelyn Soltis, Director of Operations, and [Ms. Alyssa Nelson](#), Program Manager, Red River Children's Advocacy Center, regarding the Red River Children's Advocacy Center's role, mission, and challenges regarding child welfare in the state

RE-ENTRY OUTCOMES STUDY

11:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the re-entry outcomes study

11:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Steven Hall, Director of Transitional Planning Services, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, regarding background information on the working group on improving re-entry outcomes for incarcerated adults and youth and a status update on the working group's progress and objectives

11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion

12:00 noon Recess

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the statewide criminal history record check process study

1:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sara Stolt, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the redesign project, automation implementation, workload, and timeliness of the criminal history record check process

1:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons

2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Steven Harstad, Chief Agent, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, regarding a comparison between the statewide and nationwide criminal history record check standards, the average processing time of a requested criminal history record check, and possible methods to improve efficiency and processing times of the statewide criminal history record check process

REPORTS

- 2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Lisa Bjergaard, Director, Division of Juvenile Services, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, of a report from the Commission on Juvenile Justice with the commission's findings and recommendations
- 2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sarah Couture, Grants Supervisor, Attorney General's office, of a report regarding the status and results of the human trafficking victims grant program
- 3:05 p.m. Committee discussion
- 3:20 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Michelle Strinden (Chairman), Karen A. Anderson, Claire Cory, Jayme Davis, Karla Rose Hanson, Zachary Ista, Lawrence R. Klemin, Shannon Roers Jones, Lori VanWinkle

Senators: David A. Clemens, Kathy Hogan, Diane Larson, Judy Lee

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