

REVISED AGENDA

JUDICIARY INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 • 10:30 a.m. • Room 20 House Building

1. Committee Business

- Call to order – Rep. Mike K. McKell, House Chair
- Approval of the minutes of the August 23, 2017, meeting

(15 min)

2. Mens Rea Reform

Mens rea, Latin for “guilty mind,” is the mental state of an individual accused of committing a crime, as opposed to the action or conduct of the accused. Proponents of mens rea reform favor strengthening mens rea requirements.

- Rep. Brian M. Greene
- Committee questions
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and committee action, as needed

(10 min)

3. Warrant Requirements

The committee will be briefed on issues relating to warrant requirements.

- Staff
- Committee questions
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and committee action, as needed

(5 min)

4. Repeals Related to Health-Related Pilot Program and Obscenity and Pornography Complaints Ombudsman

In its May meeting, the committee reviewed a list of statutorily required reports. The committee discovered that an obsolete health-related pilot program has an old requirement to report to the Judiciary Interim Committee. The committee also discovered that the unfunded Obscenity and Pornography Complaints Ombudsman statute has an old requirement to report to the Judiciary Interim Committee. The committee opened a bill file to repeal the report requirements and possibly repeal the obsolete and unfunded programs. The committee will consider draft legislation.

- Staff
- Committee questions
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and committee action, as needed

(5 min)

5. Administrative Office of the Courts – Sunset Review

In its August meeting, the committee opened a bill file to remove the Office of the Court Administrator from the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act and make technical changes. The committee will consider draft legislation “Administrative Office of the Courts Amendments” (2018FL0677).

- Staff
- Committee questions
- Public comment
- Committee discussion and committee action, as needed

- (15 min) **6. Child Support Guidelines**
Utah Code §78B-12-402 requires the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee to review the child support guidelines to ensure their application results in the determination of appropriate child support award amounts and to report to the committee.
- Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee representatives:
 - Lori Nelson, Co-chair
 - Russell Minas, Co-chair
 - Committee questions
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and committee action, as needed
- (15 min) **7. Family Law – Conciliation Petition Statutes**
In its May meeting, the committee discussed issues relating to conciliation petition statutes. This agenda item is a follow-up discussion.
- Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
 - Alan Hawkins, Chair, Utah Marriage Commission
 - Committee questions
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and committee action, as needed
- (15 min) **8. Family Law – Education Decisions**
In its May meeting, the committee discussed legislation regarding education decisions. The committee will consider draft legislation “Parenting Plan Amendments” (2018FL0369).
- Rep. V. Lowry Snow
 - Committee questions
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and committee action, as needed
- (15 min) **9. DNA**
In its May meeting, the committee discussed issues relating to the post-conviction testing of DNA. The committee will consider draft legislation “DNA Amendments” (2018FL0393).
- Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
 - Committee questions
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and committee action, as needed
- (15 min) **10. Conclusions on Study Topics from the First Four Meetings**
Interim committees have been asked that each committee reach a conclusion on each study topic. The committee chairs will be asked to report to the Legislative Management Committee stating the conclusions reached by the interim committee and summarizing the reasons for reaching each conclusion. Conclusions on study topics from the first four meetings will be discussed.
- Committee chairs
 - Committee questions
 - Public comment
 - Committee discussion and committee action, as needed
- 12:45 pm **11. Other Items/Adjourn**
- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 1:15 p.m.