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Enforcement and
Criminal Justice
Interim Committee
meeting on 5-20-26.

2026 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee Updates

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Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA)

PUBLIC NOTICE/AGENDAS	MEETING MINUTES	ELECTRONIC MEETINGS	CLOSED MEETINGS	EMERGENCY MEETINGS
<p>Notice: 24 hours before.</p> <p>Includes: agenda, date, time, location.</p>	<p>Must keep minutes & recordings of meetings.</p> <p>Recordings: posted 3 days after.</p> <p>Minutes: posted 30 days after.</p> <p>Approved minutes: posted 3 days after approval.</p>	<p>Procedures adopted on how to govern.</p> <p>Same public notice requirements.</p> <p>Must have an anchor location for public. Unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial safety/health risk. • Chair must indicate why electronic, and the public notice provides information on viewing. <p>Legislative member can attend remotely but chair must be at anchor location.</p>	<p>Can hold for discussions related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person's character, • pending or imminent litigation, • an investigation of alleged criminal conduct, and more. <p>May only close a meeting with 2/3s vote of a quorum present.</p>	<p>Do not need 24- hour notice.</p> <p>Must attempt to notify the public.</p> <p>Majority of committee members approve the meeting.</p>
<p>52-4-202</p>	<p>52-4-203</p>	<p>52-4-207 & JR1-4-402</p>	<p>52-4-204 & 54-4-205</p>	<p>52-4-202</p>



LECJ Interim Study Items

Construction Fraud

Extending the
Statute of Limitations
on Pattern of
Unlawful Activity

Registrable Offenses

Criminal Justice
Audits

Speedy Trial

AP&P Officers/Agents

Department of
Criminal Justice
Statutory Review

DNA Program
Funding



LECJ Interim Study Items Cont'd

Emerging
Technologies
Utilized by Law
Enforcement

License Plate
Readers

POST Training
Facility

Correctional
Facility Standards

Mental Health

Childhood
Trauma & the
Juvenile Justice
System

Domestic
Violence Services

Victim Services
Commission
Assessment
Study

Committee action: motion to adopt study items. By majority vote during the 1st interim meeting, can modify or add to the list of study items if consistent with the interim committee's duties ([JR7-1-401](#)).



New Committee Bill File Limit ([JR7-1-601.5](#))

- As of this year, interim committees are now limited to opening **five** committee bill files.
- This includes any bills opened to address sunsets or audits.
- This does not affect the number of bills the committee can favorably recommend.



Interim Committee Chairs' Authority to Open Committee Bill Files ([JR7-1-602](#))

- Committee can give chairs the authority to open a bill file.
 - Needs a committee motion/majority vote in the first meeting.
- Bill file opened by chairs must relate to a study item adopted by committee.
 - Joint decision to open a file by both chairs.
 - If chairs open a file, they must give committee members notice in the following interim meeting.

Committee action: motion to authorize chairs to open committee bill files.



Sunset Reviews (63I-1-103)

- Committees typically review statutes that will be repealed in the next year to decide if they should be extended or expired.

Sunset Name	Statute	Repeal Date
Utah Prosecution Council	Title 67, Chapter 5a	July 1, 2027
Search and Rescue Advisory Board Duties	Section 53-2a-1104	July 1, 2027
Grid Resilience Committee	Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15	July 1, 2027
Public Safety Interagency Agreement	Title 53, Chapter 31	July 1, 2027
Correctional Postnatal and Early Childhood Advisory Board	Section 64-13-46.1	July 1, 2027
UDC Report on Evidence-based Treatment and Inmate Programs to Reduce Recidivism	Subsection 64-13-6(3)(b)	January 1, 2028



Other Information

Committee Materials:

- LECJ booklet
- Study items, audits, and sunsets
- OPMA

As LECJ analysts we can help with:

- Policy development
- Research (what other states are doing related to policy questions, Utah data, and more)
- General law enforcement/criminal justice questions
- Making connections

Any Questions?

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