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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **62A-4a-207** is amended to read:

62A-4a-207. Legislative Oversight Panel -- Responsibilities.

(1) (a) There is created the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel composed of the following members:

(i) two members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the president of the Senate; and

(ii) three members of the House of Representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) Members of the panel shall serve for two-year terms, or until their successors are appointed.

(c) A vacancy exists whenever a member ceases to be a member of the Legislature, or when a member resigns from the panel. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority, and the replacement shall fill the unexpired term.

(2) The president of the Senate shall designate one of the senators appointed to the panel under Subsection (1) as the Senate chair of the panel. The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the representatives appointed to the panel under Subsection (1) as the House chair of the panel.

(3) The panel shall follow the interim committee rules established by the Legislature.

(4) The panel shall:

(a) examine and observe the process and execution of laws governing the child welfare system by the executive branch and the judicial branch;

(b) upon request, receive testimony from the public, the juvenile court, and from all state agencies involved with the child welfare system, including the division, other offices and agencies within the department, the attorney general's office, the Office of Guardian Ad Litem, and school districts;

(c) before October 1 of each year, receive ~~[reports from the division, the attorney general, and]~~ a report from the judicial branch identifying the cases not in compliance with the time limits established in the following sections, and the reasons for noncompliance:

(i) Subsection 78A-6-306(1) ~~§~~ → (a) ← ~~§~~ , regarding shelter hearings;