

Joint Legislative Justice Oversight: 2019 interim

The committee may meet up to 10 times during 2019 interim (S.112; Sec. 8). In addition to its regular statutory duties, the Committee is tasked this year with:

- Working with the Council of State Governments on:
 - Justice Reinvestment II: assessing population trends, programming, and transitional services in the corrections system, considering criminal justice reform strategies, and proposing legislation to create a smarter criminal justice system by December 15 (Big Bill, Sec. E.126.3; Capital Bill, Sec. 28);
 - Developing a comprehensive policy approach to expungement and sealing of criminal history records and proposing legislation for the 2020 legislative session (H.460, Sec. 11); and
- receiving reports as outlined below.

Reports Timeline

Regular reports throughout interim:

- DOC and Parole Board report on progress toward developing a proposal for implementing a system of presumptive parole (S.112; Sec. 6)

By October 15:

- Report from Court Administrator, Center for Crime Victim Services, and Legal Aid on policy recommendations regarding requiring payment of surcharges prior to court granting an expungement or sealing petition (H.460, Sec. 11)

By November 1:

- Vermont Sentencing Commission report on expungement and sealing recommendations (H.460, Sec. 11)

By November 15:

- DOC interim report on integration of health care services in correctional facilities. Final report due January 15 to standing committees. (Big Bill, Sec. E.338.3)

By December 15:

- Secretary of Human Services and VSEA report on best practices and standards for protecting probation and parole officers in performance of their job duties (H.512, Sec. 14)
- Vermont Sentencing Commission report on Family Division jurisdiction over cases where a person under 18 commits a criminal offense that is not a listed crime and is not charged until after turning 18 (H.512, Sec. 14a)