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TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee
FROM: Rachel Weiss
RE: April 20-21 - Optional tour of MSP and MCE; and regular LJIC meeting

The Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) meets again in Helena on April 20-21. On April 20, the LJIC has scheduled an optional educational tour of the Montana State Prison (MSP) and Montana Correctional Enterprises (MCE) in Deer Lodge. The LJIC will depart for Deer Lodge from the Capitol at **8 a.m.** on Wednesday the 20th. If you plan to meet the other committee members at Deer Lodge, please let me know so I can make sure the Department of Corrections staff knows you'll be arriving separately. If you do arrive separately, the tour is scheduled to start around 9:15 a.m.

On Thursday the 21st, the LJIC will meet at **8 a.m.** in Room 102 of the Capitol.

The tentative meeting agenda and information related to the MSP/MCE tour are included in this meeting packet, along with other documents that will either be discussed at the meeting or that provide background for some of the topics on the agenda. Please bring the packet with you to Helena. You will also find online versions of most documents on the LJIC website:
www.leg.mt.gov/ljic.

In addition to the tentative agenda, this mailing should include:

- the MSP dress code and visiting rules and regulations;
- a required report from the Statewide Reentry Task Force;
- a packet of draft bills related to the SJ 24 study of sexual assault;
- background readings related to several topics on which the LJIC requested an update or additional information, including the state's DNA index, the sexual and violent offender registry, and the state's model policy on eyewitness identification practices;
- a bill draft to allow local governments to adopt an ordinance prohibiting public intoxication;
- public comments received by the LJIC since your last meeting, including a letter from a previous state medical examiner; and
- recent news articles related to the SJ 24 study.

Don't hesitate to contact me with questions at rweiss@mt.gov or 406-444-5367. CI0106 6098rwx.a.