

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Tentative Agenda

### **JUDICIARY A COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 25, 2001  
Harvest Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Review of Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure  
Comments by the chairman

#### **CLERK OF COURT STUDY**

9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the study directed by Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2002--implementation of clerk of court unification, including a review of the delivery of services by clerks of court and the responsibility for restitution collection and enforcement activities

9:20 a.m. Presentation by Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle, Supreme Court, regarding the clerk of court study

9:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Wade Williams, North Dakota Association of Counties, regarding the clerk of court study

9:45 a.m. Testimony and comments from interested persons regarding the clerk of court study

9:50 a.m. Committee discussion

#### **INDIGENT DEFENSE STUDY**

10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the study directed by House Concurrent Resolution No. 3017--a study of the method of providing legal representation for indigent criminal defendants and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a public defender system

10:15 a.m. Coffee break

10:30 a.m. Presentation by Chief Justice VandeWalle regarding the indigent defense study

10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Jim Ganje, State Court Administrator's office, regarding the method of providing indigent defense services in the state

11:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Jana Thielges, Supreme Court, regarding the cost of providing indigent defense services in the state

11:10 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Wayne Goter, Attorney, Bismarck, regarding contracts for indigent defense services

11:25 a.m. Testimony and comments from interested persons regarding the indigent defense study

11:35 a.m. Committee discussion

#### **MENTAL ILLNESS COMMITMENT PROCEDURES STUDY**

11:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the study directed by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4033--commitment procedures for individuals with mental illness

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Alex Schweitzer, Superintendent, State Hospital, regarding the mental illness commitment process
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Dr. Ronald Burd, MeritCare, Fargo, regarding the mental illness commitment process
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Terryl Ostmo, Wahpeton, regarding the mental illness commitment procedures study
- 2:15 p.m. Testimony and comments from interested persons regarding the mental health commitment procedures study
- 2:35 p.m. Committee discussion
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Committee Members**

Representatives Merle Boucher (Chairman), Duane DeKrey, Bruce Eckre, April Fairfield, G. Jane Gunter, Joyce Kingsbury, Lawrence R. Klemin, William E. Kretschmar, John Mahoney, John M. Warner  
Senators Deb Mathern, Carolyn Nelson, John T. Traynor, Darlene Watne