



**Colorado General Assembly - Interim Study Committee Charge:**  
**Sentencing in the Criminal Justice System**

Presented by Representative Pete Lee

To study Colorado's sentencing scheme; our charge as a committee is to consider offenses and penalties associated with specific criminal categories and how evidence based and cost effective changes could be implemented that would achieve the statutory goals of sentencing, simplify the sentencing structure and allow for prison resources to be used for highest risk offenders to promote the purposes of punishment, accountability and public safety. More specifically, we are charged with evaluating the use of mandatory minimums, continued viability of extraordinary risk crimes, examining habitual offender scheme in light of current research, best practices and resource limitations, and finally development of Second Look Legislation to address long sentences.

For more information see: <http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/sentencing-criminal-justice-system-interim-study-committee/2017-regular-session>

**Colorado General Assembly - Interim Study Committee Charge:**  
**County Courthouse and County Jail Funding and Overcrowding Solutions**

Presented by Senator Don Coram

The County Courthouse and County Jail Funding and Overcrowding Solutions Interim Study Committee was created pursuant to Interim Committee Request Letter 2017-15, as approved by the Legislative Council on April 28, 2017. The committee is charged with studying the following policy issues:

- The current cost of maintaining and staffing county courthouses, jail facilities, and justice centers in each county;
- The current availability of state resources to aid in the funding of county courthouse facilities, including the Underfunded Courthouse Cash Fund and the Courthouse Security Cash Fund;
- The current availability of state resources to aid in the funding of, and overcrowding issues in, county jail facilities;
- Approaches to increasing state funds for county courthouses and jails, including the creation or alteration of grant programs for courthouse and jail construction, maintenance, and staffing;
- Reforms in sentencing, probation, or parole policies that encourage the use of county jail facilities in place of Department of Corrections facilities or diversion programs; and
- Approaches to addressing the growing problems of heroin and prescription opiate addiction and mental health issues that result in growing jail populations, including those of drug courts, mental health courts, rehabilitation efforts, and other diversion methods.

For more information see, <http://leg.colorado.gov/committees/county-courthouse-and-county-jail-funding-and-overcrowding-solutions-interim-study>