Non-Standing Committees Focused on Oversight

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Health Reform Oversight Committee

Website

Membership; reports; and meeting schedule, agendas, and supporting documents available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"This joint committee provides legislative oversight and review of revenue collection, expenditures, and planning related to health care reform efforts" (committee website).

"(a) When the General Assembly is adjourned, the Committee shall provide legislative oversight and review of revenue collection, expenditures, and planning related to health care reform efforts in Vermont.

"(b) When the General Assembly is adjourned during fiscal year 2015, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall provide monthly updates regarding Vermont Health Benefit Exchange operations, enrollment data, coverage status, customer support, and Exchange website functionality.

"(c) Effective on January 1, 2015, all reports previously submitted to the Health Care Oversight Committee shall be submitted to the Health Reform Oversight Committee" (2 V.S.A. § 692).

Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee

Website

Membership; bills; and meeting schedule, notes, and livestream available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"(1) The Committee shall oversee, evaluate, and make recommendations on the following:

- "(A) the State's current deployment, management, and oversight of information technology in the furtherance of State governmental activities, including data processing systems, telecommunications networks, and related technologies, particularly with regard to issues of compatibility among existing and proposed technologies;
- "(B) issues related to the storage of, maintenance of, access to, privacy of, and restrictions on use of computerized records;
- "(C) issues of public policy related to the development and promotion of the private, commercial, and nonprofit information infrastructure in the State, its relationship to the State government information infrastructure, and its integration with national and international information networks; and

- "(D) cybersecurity.

"(2) The Committee may provide advice to the Director of Legislative Information Technology and the Joint Legislative Management Committee as appropriate regarding matters related to legislative information technology" (2 V.S.A. § 614).

Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee

Website

Membership; bills; and meeting schedule, notes, and livestream available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee exercises oversight over the Department of Corrections and works with and provides assistance to other legislative committees on matters related to corrections policies" (committee website).

Joint Legislative Management Committee

Website

Membership; reports; documents; and meeting schedules, agendas, and livestreams available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"(a) The Joint Legislative Management Committee shall:

1. "prepare a proposed budget for the Legislative Branch that includes a budget for each legislative office;
2. "approve requests for new, permanent positions in staff offices as appropriate, for inclusion in the proposed Legislative Branch budget;
3. "approve the reallocation of existing positions among staff offices, as appropriate;
4. "approve and adopt policies that apply across the Legislative Branch, including compensation and benefits plans, personnel policies, and policies relating to information technology; and

5. "attend to other relevant management and oversight matters.

"(b) The Joint Legislative Management Committee shall have access to legal, financial, administrative, information technology, and other services from legislative offices as needed to serve the needs of the Legislative Branch" (2 V.S.A. § 42).

Joint Pension Oversight Committee

Website

Membership; bills; and meeting schedule, notes, and livestream available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Committee shall evaluate and make recommendations on the following:

1. "issues of public policy related to the provision of retirement benefits to the State's public sector workforce;
2. "changes to statutory provisions regarding the provision, design, and administration of retirement benefits and the retirement systems;
3. "issues of public policy relating to health benefit design innovations, State regulatory measures, and alternative methods of providing pooled health care benefits to both active and retired school employees to lower health care costs for employees, retirees, school boards, and the State; and
4. "the appropriate annual appropriation to fund the State's retirement obligations in accordance with actuarial recommendations, statutory amortization schedules, and funding policies" (2 V.S.A. § 1001).

Joint Transportation Oversight Committee

Website

Membership; bills; and meeting schedule, notes, and livestream available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"As provided in 19 V.S.A. §12B, the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee provides oversight of transportation issues when the General Assembly is adjourned. The committee is composed of the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance" (committee website).

"(c) The Committee shall provide legislative oversight of the Transportation Fund revenues collection and the operation and administration of the Agency of Transportation construction, paving, and rehabilitation programs. The Secretary of Transportation shall report to the Committee upon request.

"(d) If and when applicable, the Secretary shall submit electronically to the Joint Fiscal Office for distribution to members of the Committee a report summarizing any plans or actions taken to delay project schedules as a result of:

1. "a generalized increase in bids relative to project estimates;
2. "changes in the consensus revenue forecast of the Transportation Fund or Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund; or
3. "changes in the availability of federal funds" (19 V.S.A. § 12b).

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

Website

Membership; bills; reports; and meeting schedule, documents, and livestream available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"(b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Office of Legislative Operations. The Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

"(c) The Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules may hold public hearings on a proposed or previously adopted rule on its own initiative. The Committee shall give public notice of any hearing at least 10 days in advance and shall notify the agency affected. Any public hearing shall be scheduled at a time and place chosen to afford opportunity for affected persons to present their views. As appropriate, the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules shall consult with the standing legislative committee having jurisdiction in the area of the rule under review.

"(d) In addition to its powers under section 842 of this title concerning rules, the Committee may, in similar manner, conduct public hearings, object, and file objections concerning existing rules. A rule reviewed under this subsection shall remain in effect until amended or repealed.

"(e) At any time following its consideration of a final proposal under section 841 of this title, the Committee, by majority vote of the entire Committee, may request that any standing committees of the General Assembly review the issues or questions presented therein which are outside the jurisdiction of the Committee but are within the jurisdiction of the standing committees. On receiving a request for review under this subsection, a standing committee may at its discretion review the issues or questions and act on them. The Committee’s request for review shall not affect the review or review period of a final proposal" (3 V.S.A. § 817).