



Midwestern Legislative Conference

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 21, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024

Hyatt Regency Columbus | Columbus, Ohio

Preliminary Agenda

Sen. John Cavanaugh, Nebraska, Co- Chair | **Sen. Jesse James**, Wisconsin, Co-Chair

Sen. Michele Reynolds, Ohio, Vice Chair

SUNDAY, JULY 21 | COMMITTEE MEETING | *Room TBD*

9 – 9:10 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

9:10 – 10:10 a.m. **How Data, Evidence-Based Policy and Legislative Oversight Can Drive Improvements to State Criminal Justice Systems**

Participating legislators will learn about tools, resources and policy levers that can help drive system-wide reform, improve outcomes and strengthen overall public safety. They will hear ideas on how to collect and use data to inform criminal justice policy, as well strategies for improving oversight by the legislative branch.

Presenters

Mr. Ben Eikey, *Manager of State Training and Development, Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy, Wayne State Law School*

CSG Justice Center (speaker TBD)

10:10 – 11 a.m. **Legislator-Led Roundtable Discussion**

Time will be left for Q & A with the morning presenters, as well as for a broader discussion among participating legislators on recent trends and developments on criminal justice policy. What significant news laws were passed, or legislation was introduced in your state or province? What policies are you working on? Looking forward, what do you see as the biggest issues in the areas of criminal justice and public safety? Please come prepared to share your perspective and thoughts with fellow lawmakers.

Note: Lunch will be available from noon to 1:30 p.m. for all attendees.

MONDAY, JULY 22 | COMMITTEE-LED POLICY SESSION | *Room TBD*

2 – 3:30 p.m. **Tools and Strategies for States to Address Crime**

Policy experts at the CSG Justice Center have developed a 50-state guide that explores trends in violent crime as well other key metrics detailing the performance, capacity, and needs of state justice systems. Additionally, it has identified five strategies for states to address crime. The five-point plan is based on a review of research on crime reduction, feedback from state and local leaders, and the CSG Justice Center's ongoing work with states across the country. This session will include presentations and a roundtable discussion on policy steps for state leaders.

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