

## Agencies Scheduled for Study:

- Department of Education
- Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services
- Department of Commerce
- Jobs-Economic Development Authority
- Arts Commission
- State Ethics Commission
- Department on Aging
- Department of Health and Human Services
- State Accident Fund
- Attorney General's Office
- State Library

*The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Legislative Oversight Committee's recommendations.*

## Constituents May:

- Share comments and concerns with the Legislative Oversight Committee about State agencies.
- Request notification when the Committee schedules an agency for study and investigation.
- Participate in public hearings.

*While all testimony before the Committee must be under oath, the Committee solicits written comments from constituents that are not considered testimony. These comments may direct the Committee to areas of improvement for the state agency.*

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# LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

*The specific task of this Committee is to conduct legislative oversight studies and investigations of state agencies at least once every seven years.*

*These studies will be published online.  
([www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov))*

# House Legislative Oversight Committee's Study and Investigative Process

House Legislative Oversight Committee

- Determines priority of an agency study and investigation
  - Provides written notification to agency
- Subcommittee or Ad Hoc Committee assigned to study and investigate an agency may schedule a meeting with the agency to discuss preliminary matters



Uniform Start for All Legislative Oversight Investigation and Reviews

- Staff reviews and summarizes submissions
- House Legislative Oversight Committee holds public input hearings

Submissions reviewed by House Legislative Oversight Committee

Agency submits:

- 1) Restructuring Reports
- 2) Seven-Year Plan for Cost Savings and Increased Efficiencies
- 3) Any other required submissions to a legislative entity
- 4) Program Evaluation Report and responses to Requests for Information

**Public may submit written comments concerning the agency**

House Legislative Standing Committees and individual House Members may submit potential issues with an agency



House Legislative Oversight Subcommittee or Ad Hoc Committee

- Reviews submissions
- Determines what additional resources of legislative oversight should be utilized, which include:
  - Requesting legislative audit council involvement (study of Program Evaluation Report or perform its own audit)
    - Deposing witnesses
  - Issuing subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum (pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 69)
- Approves a study for consideration by the full House legislative oversight committee



House Legislative Oversight Committee

- Refers Legislative Oversight study and investigation back to Subcommittee or Ad Hoc Committee



House Legislative Oversight Committee

- Receives Subcommittee or Ad Hoc Committee Study

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

House Legislative Oversight Committee

- Approves the Subcommittee or Ad Hoc Committee Study

House Legislative Oversight Committee

- Further evaluates the agency

House Legislative Oversight Committee

- Approves and **publishes a Final Study online**
- May offer a briefing

Any member may file legislation to implement recommendation (s)

Post Review Assessments

