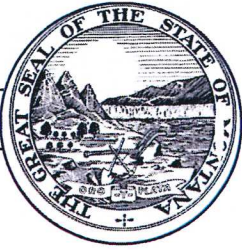


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Dear Governor Bullock, Supreme Court Justices, and Legislators:

RE: Montana Public Defender Commission Report
to the Governor, Supreme Court and Legislature

Pursuant to 47-1-105 (9), MCA, the Montana Public Defender Commission must provide a biennial report to the Governor, Supreme Court and Legislature. Each interim, the Commission also specifically reports to the Law and Justice Interim Committee.

Description of Report

1. All policies and procedures in effect for the operation and administration of the statewide public defender system and all standards established or being considered by the Commission or the chief public defender.
2. The number of deputy public defenders and the region supervised by each; the number of public defenders employed or contracted within the system, identified

- by region; and the number of attorney and non attorney staff supervised by each deputy public defender.
3. The number of new cases in which counsel was assigned to represent a party, identified by region, court and case type; and the total number of persons represented by the office, identified by region, court and case type.
 4. The annual caseload and workload of each public defender, identified by region, court and case type.
 5. The training programs conducted by the office and the number of attorney and non-attorney staff who attended each program; and the continuing education courses on criminal defense or criminal procedure attended by each public defender employed or contracted within the system.
 6. Detailed expenditure data by court and case type.

This report is also available at
<http://www.publicdefender.mt.gov/2016GovReport/TOC.asp>.

Please feel free to contact our Chief Administrator, Scott Cruse, if you have any questions regarding the information in this report. Mr. Cruse can be reached at 496-6084, or scruse@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Gillespie". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Richard E. Gillespie, Chair

cc: Montana Public Defender Commission
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Kristina Neal, Conflict Coordinator
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Scott Cruse, Chief Administrator