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Circular No. 14 – Legislative Records I: Special Committees

Periodically the legislature will establish ad hoc committees to investigate certain issues that are deemed to merit special attention. The findings of these committees often form the basis for legislation or serve as good sources of information on topics of major concern. Given the value of these records, the Archives has prepared this list of subjects considered by select legislative committees. The papers generated and collected by these study groups are available for examination by all interested parties (numbers in parentheses denote record groups). Given the size of many of these files, interested researchers are encouraged to visit the Archives in person.

Topic	Record Group	Time Period
Abortion, Public Funding for,	91-290	1980-1987
Accident Fund	65-51	1954
Administrative Rules	65-51	1954
Adoptions	79-37	1966
Aeronautics	76-80, 79-37, 79-98, 85-25	1968-1971, 1981-1982
Aid for Schools	65-51	1954
Affirmative Action	85-25, 87-75	1978-1980
Aging	65-51	1957
	79-98, 82-126, 85-25, 87-75, 89-438	1975-1982
Agriculture	82-126	1980
Agricultural, Commodities Marketing and Bargaining Act	79-37	1972
Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Act	79-98	1972
Alcoholics, Rehabilitation of	65-51	1949
Alcoholism	68-132	1949-1950
American Legion Children's Billet	68-132	1950
Arts, the	79-98, 86-91, 87-75	1957-1980
Auditor General	65-51	1952
Auto Mechanics	82-126	1973
Auto Repair	82-126	1978
Banking	79-98	1975
Beverage Containers	82-126, 86-72	1971-1980
Bilingual Education	79-98	1976
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	83-24	1976
Bottle Deposits	82-126, 87-140	1978
Boys Vocational School	65-51	1955
Business Corporation Act	79-98	1972
Bus Company Failures	68-132	1956



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Cable TV	79-98, 87-75	1980
Capitol, Anniversary of	80-8	1977-1980
Casino Gambling	79-98	1975-1976
Census	87-75	1979-1980
Certified Public Accountants	68-132	1949
Charter Tourist Industry	82-126	1980
Chemotherapy	79-98, 82-126, 82-131	1977-1980
Child Abuse	79-98	1977-1978
Child Care and Adoption	65-51	1948
Children and Youth Services	79-98, 82-126	1977-1980
Civil Justice Reform	91-286	1985-1986
Civil Service	79-37, 79-98, 82-4, 82-132, 83-24	1970-1980
Civilian Defense	65-15	1951
Clinton Valley Center	82-126	1979
Collective Bargaining for State Employees	87-50	1979
Commission on Death and Dying	96-225	1993-1994
Commodities Pricing	85-25	1975
Community Colleges	79-37	1970
Community Relations	84-116	1974-1984
Compulsory Arbitration for Police and Firemen	79-37	1971
Conflict of Interest	87-75	1981
Conservation Department, Land Acquisition	65-51	1951
Conservation and Environmental Protection Act	79-37	1969-1970
Construction Lien Recovery Fund	92-402	1985
Consumer Credit	76-80	1968-1970
Consumers Power	92-402	1985
Corrections	84-116, 87-50	1972-1984
County Administrative Costs	82-126	1977
Court Reorganization	89-23	1969-1982
Courts (See also Judicial.)	81-28, 83-12	1970-1980
Creative Arts, Advancement of	91-292	1983-1988
Creative Arts and Humanities Special Committee	91-286	1985-1986
Creative Arts Special Committee	91-286	1983-1984
Criminal Procedure Code	65-51	1951
Crippled Children	65-51	1949
Dairy Industry	65-51	1951
Daylight Savings Time	79-37	1971
Deaf Students	87-75	1979
Debt Management	65-51	1955

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Deepwater Port	87-75	1980
Deer Herd	65-51	1951
Deferred Tuition	79-37	1974
Deposits on Beverage Containers	82-126	1978
Detroit Public Schools	87-75	1978
Detroit Water Supply	82-126	1976
Disposable Containers (See also Beverage.)	79-98	1970-1971
District Courts	81-28	1952-1968
Domestic Relations	65-51	1954
Domestic Relations	83-12	1975-1980
Drain Law Codification	65-51	1954
Drainage and Flood Control	65-51	1948, 1951
Dram Shops	91-286	1985-1986
Drinking Age	82-126	1977
Driver's Education and Insurance	87-75	1977-1978
Drug Abuse (See also Substance Abuse.)	79-37, 79-98	1973-1974
Economic Development	70-8	1965
Education (see also Grants)	65-51	1954
Education (see also Grants)	79-98	1975
Education, Higher	65-51	1952, 1953
Eloise Hospital	65-51	1948
Emergency Appropriations	65-51	1948
Emergency Appropriations Commission	72-143	1937-1960
Employee Relations	79-98	1975
Employment Security Appeal Board	79-98	1976
Energy Crisis	79-98	1973
Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance	85-25	1983
Epilepsy Clinics	65-51	1958
Epileptics	65-51	1957
Family and Children Services	93-75	1989
Farming at State Institutions	65-51	1955
Federal/State Fiscal Relationships	65-51	1954
Ferry Service	65-51	1949 and 1956
	65-51, 68-132	1951-1952
Fish	65-51	1950, 1952
Fish and Game Protection	85-25	1981-1982
Fish Resources	68-132	1952-1953
Fishing Industry	65-51	1955
Flood Control	65-51	1950
Flour Enrichment	65-51	1953
Forests, State	87-75	1979

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Foster Care	65-51	1949
Freedom of Information	79-98	1976
Funeral Homes	79-98	1976
Gaming Alternatives	91-292	1987-1988
Gas Explosions	65-51	1950-1951
Gasoline Allocation	82-126	1978
Gasoline Prices	68-132, 65-51, 82-126	1951, 1955, 1979
Gasoline Tax	65-51	1953
Government, Cost of	65-51	1950
Governmental Expense	68-132	1932
Governmental Immunity	91-286	1985-1986
Government Reorganization	65-51	1951-1952
Grand River Basin	79-37	1970
Grand Jury System	65-51	1950
Grants, Loans & Scholarships (see also Education)	79-98	1975
Hamtramck	87-75	1980
Handicapped (physical)	65-51	1955
Handicapper Hunting and Fishing	91-286	1985-1986
Health Care Cost Containment	91-286	1983-1984
Health Care Recipient Rights	86-6	1971-1980
Health Care Services and Costs	87-75	1978
Health Maintenance Organizations	79-98	1973-1974
High School Voter Registration	87-75	1980
Higher Education	65-51	1952-1953
Highway Needs Study	65-51	1948 and 1954
Highway Needs Study	70-51	1955
Highway Signing	87-75	1978
Horse Race Track Licensing	65-51	1954
Horse Racing	79-37	1970
Hospital Bed Reduction	87-75	1980
Housing, pre-built	79-37	1970
Humanities, Advancement of	91-292	1983-1988
Implementation of the Constitution	65-48, 67-8, 67-25, 70-8, 76-80, 89-10	1963-1967
Independent Gasoline Retailers	79-37	1971
Indeterminate Sentence Law	65-51	1952
Insurance Bureau	87-75	1978
Insurance Redlining	82-126	1977
International Activities	93-75	1989-1990
Interstate Cooperation	65-51	1949
Iron Ore Mining Industry	87-75	1978
Job Development Authority	82-126	1975

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Judicial Review (See also Courts.)	81-28	1968-1972
Judicial Selection and Tenure	81-28	1969-1972
Juvenile Delinquency	59-3, 65-51	1954-1955
Juvenile Justice System	85-19	1971-1974
Juvenile Services	87-75	1980
Kalamazoo State Hospital	79-98	1973
Labor Laws	79-98	1977-1978
Labor-Management Relations	65-51	1955
Labor Safety	65-51	1952
Land Acquisition Policies	65-51	1951
Laetrile	82-126	1978
Land Use	82-126	1971
Legislature, TV Coverage of	87-75	1976
Liability Insurance	92-402	1985
Liability Insurance Costs	91-434	1985
Licensing and Regulation	79-98, 82-126, 82-132, 85-25	1973-1980
Liquor Control	65-51	1956
Liquor Control Commission	65-51	1950
Liquor Control Commission	78-81	1968-1969
Liquor Industry, Deregulation of	82-126, 87-75	1980
Liquor Laws	65-51	1952-1954
Liquor License Delays and Transfers	79-98	1977-1978
Liquor Licenses	65-51	1950
Litigation Reductions	79-98	1977-1978
Livestock Feedlots	70-37	1971
Local Options	65-51	1964
Mackinac Bridge Feasibility	65-51	1950
Marine Safety	68-132	1951-1952
Market Economy Development Proposal	86-72, 87-75	1979
Married Women Contractual Rights	79-37	1971
Mass Transit	82-126	1980
Meat Inspection	67-25	1962-1965
Mechanic Liens	83-24, 85-25	1979-1980
Medical Licensure (See also Physicians.)	87-50	1984
Medical Malpractice	91-286	1985-1986
Medical Malpractice Insurance	79-98	1975
Medical Treatment Decision	82-126	1978
Mental Health	65-51	1948-1954
Mental Health Facilities and Groups	79-98, 82-126, 86-6	1973, 1977-1979
Mental Health Statutes	79-98, 82-23, 86-6	1969-1974, 1978-1980
Mental Illness	65-51	1959
Mentally Retarded	65-51	1952

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Migrant Workers	65-51	1949, 1955
Military Laws	65-51	1952
Milk	65-51	1954-1956
Mineral Rights	65-51	1950
Mining	65-51	1950
Mining Property Taxation	65-51	1955
Minorities in Textbooks	79-98	1974-1976
Minors, Employment of	65-51	1945
Motor Vehicle Code	79-98	1971
Motor Vehicle Financing	65-51	1949
Motor Vehicle Offender Program	87-75	1979
Motorcycle Helmets	85-25	1977
Narcotics	65-51	1951, 1954
Newspaper Carriers, Robberies of	79-37	1974
No-Fault Auto Insurance	79-37, 79-98, 82-126	1974-1977
Northern Phone Company Rates	87-75	1980
Northwest Highway Extension	79-98	1973
Nuclear Energy	79-98, 82-126, 83-72, 85-25	1972-1980
Nursing Home Permits	79-37	1972
Obscene Literature	65-51	1960
Occupational Safety and Health Programs	79-98, 82-126	1977-1978
Oil and Gas	79-37, 85-25, 86-72	1970, 1981-1982
Old Age Assistance	65-51	1954
Open Meeting Law	79-98	1975-1976
Organ Transplant Policy	91-286	1985-1986
Pension Plans	65-51	1959
Percy Jones Hospital	65-51	1950
Petroleum Products	65-51	1947
Phosphate Ban	82-126	1976
Phosphorus Levels	82-126	1979
Physician Assistants	79-98	1976
Physicians, Need For (See also Medical.)	87-75	1981
Pointe Mouille Project	79-37	1972-1973
Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)	80-104, 82-126	1973-1980
Pornography	65-51	1960
Port Development	82-126	1976
Port Huron Tunnel Disaster	79-98, 83-24	1975-1976
Potatoes	65-51	1954
Printing Costs	65-51	1952
Prison Construction and Financing	91-286, 92-402	1985-1986
Prison Disturbances	84-117	1975-1983

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Prison Industries	82-126	1978
Prison Overcrowding	84-116	1980
Prison Oversight	91-434	1987
Prison Reform	79-37	1976
Privilege Tax	65-51	1954
Probate Code	89-21	1975-1979
Product Liability	82-126, 85-25	1977
Public Health Statutes	82-23, 86-104	1974-1979
Public Service Commission	79-98, 81-125, 82-126, 83-5	1972-1979
Public Utilities	65-51	1961
Public Utilities	82-126	1978
Public Utilities Billing Practices	79-98	1969-1973
Public Utilities Codification	65-51	1949-1951
Public Utilities Rate Adjustments	79-98	1976
Racing Laws	87-75	1979
Radio and Telephone Regulations	65-51	1954
Radioactive Wastes (see also Nuclear Energy)	87-75	1980
Railroads	87-75	1980
Records, Preservation of	65-51	1959
Redlining	82-126	1977
Retirement-Mandatory	82-126	1977
Returnable Bottles	79-98, 85-25	1974-1975
Reorganization of Government	65-51	1951-1954
Retirement Plans	65-51	1959
Right to Die	82-126	1979
Safe Streets	91-286	1985-1986
Sales Tax Revenue	65-51	1949
Salt Extraction	67-44	1957
Sand Dune Mining	82-126	1980
School Aid	65-51	1954
School Code	65-51	1954
School Financing	79-98, 82-126	1977-1978
School Violence	86-72	1978
Security Deposits	82-126	1977
Sex Education	79-98	1973-1974
Sexually Motivated Criminals	65-51	1957
Slaughter Houses	67-25	1962-1965
Speech, Language and Audiology Regulation	79-37	1972
Spouse Abuse	82-126, 89-23	1977-1978
State/Federal Fiscal Relationships	65-51	1954

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State Fair	79-98, 83-24	1977-1978
State Housing Development Authority	79-98	1977-1978
State Office Building	65-51	1952-1954
Stream Pollution	65-51	1948
Substance Abuse	79-98, 87-75, 89-23	1975-1980
Submerged Lands	65-51	1956
Tax and Revenue Laws	65-51	1951
Tax Study	65-51	1947
Taxes	60-1	1957-1958
Teacher Licensure	79-98	1976
Tourist Council Reorganization	79-98	1973
Transportation Quadrant Commission	87-75	1977-1978
Travel Agents and Promoters	79-98	1971-1973
Trespass on Private Farmland	65-51	1951
Tug-berge, Integrated	86-18	1979
Unemployment Compensation	65-51	1949-1951
Unit Pricing of Food	82-126	1975
Used Cars	85-25	1975
Veterans Affairs	87-75	1980
Veterans Bonus	65-51	1946
Veterans Memorial Monument	82-126, 87-75	1979-1980
Veteran's Problems	65-51	1949
Violence in Schools (See also Juvenile.)	86-72	1978
Water	65-51	1956
Wayne County Civil Service System	79-37	1971
Wayne County Community College	85-25, 87-75	1980, 1983
Wayne County Court Reorganization	86-18, 89-23	1979-1980
Welfare and Social Aid	65-51	1949
Welfare Fraud and Reform	79-37, 82-126	1971, 1974-1975
Workers Compensation	79-98, 87-75	1975-1976, 1980
World War II Veterans' Bonus	65-51	1946
Youth Employment	79-37	1970
Youth Sports Programs	79-98, 83-11	1972-1981