

State Oversight Academy Masterclass: **Introduction to State Legislative Oversight**

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- [Oversight Matters](#) podcast with SC Rep. Wes Newton on legislative oversight
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Routine Oversight: “Cop on the Beat”	Event-Drive Oversight: “Firefighter”
Program outcomes	Scandal
Budgetary	Disaster
Contracts	Chronic problems
Compliance	Escalating problem
Deter malfeasance	Long-term investigation

Six Avenues of Oversight

- Analytic Bureaucracies
 - Auditors
 - Ombuds
 - Research staff
 - Commissions
 - Agencies
- Appropriations
 - Funding decisions are leverage
 - Budget on condition of information
 - Reporting requirements
 - Subcommittee/budget hearings
 - Require agency & program performance data in governor’s proposal
- Committees
 - Hearings, interviews, interim charges, studies, oversight plan
 - Online archive
- Administrative Rule Review
 - During and after admin rules adoption
 - Annual rule review bill
- Legislative veto
 - Federal law, conform to statutory authority, legislative intent
 - Specific committee, standing committees
- Advice and Consent
 - Response to executive actions
 - Gubernatorial appointments
 - Confirmation hearings
 - State of disaster emergency
 - Reorganization powers
 - Public input
- Monitoring Contracts
 - Audits
 - Contract review committees
 - Agency and contractor hearings
 - Reporting requirements
 - Interim committees to review contract oversight
 - Enhanced scrutiny of no-bid contracts

Referenced Bills, Reports, and Other Links

- Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services: [Suicide Prevention Programs, September 2020](#)
- Alabama Department of Mental Health: Alabama Crisis System of Care
 - [Crisis Center: Progress Report May 2021 – December 2021](#)
 - [Crisis Center: Progress Report 2022](#)
 - [Crisis Center: Progress Report 2023](#)
- Colorado Bill 1: [Concerning Implementation of Jail Standards in Colorado, draft 11/17/2023](#)
- Colorado Legislative Council Staff: [HB 24-1227 Revised Fiscal Note, 3/5/2024](#)
- [Connecticut Juvenile Justice Equity Dashboard](#)
- [Florida Senate Executive Suspension Review Procedure](#)
- Idaho Statement of Purpose/Fiscal Note [H0538, concerning state procurement](#)
- Kentucky General Assembly [2023 Reorganization](#)
- Louisiana State Senate Committee on Health and Welfare [Emergency Rule Rejection, March 2017](#)
- Maryland General Assembly Office of Legislative Audits: [Maryland Department of Health Medical Care Programs Administration Managed Care Program, December 2023](#)
- Michigan House Fiscal Agency, Line Item and Boilerplate Summary: [Corrections, Fiscal Year 2023-24, September 2023](#)
 - [Analysis as Passed by the Senate](#)
- [Michigan Senate Joint Resolution O, 4/12/2022](#)
- Minnesota, Office of the Legislative Auditor: [Preliminary Assessment of the Process the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor Followed when Appointing Erin Dupree as Director of the Office of Cannabis Management and Closing the Inquiry, 1/25/2024](#)
- Mississippi Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review: [A Review of the Administration of Selected Coastal Resiliency and Restoration Funds in Mississippi, Report Highlights, 6/13/2023](#)
- Nebraska, Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare: [Eastern Service Area Pilot Project and the Contract with Saint Francis for Child Welfare Case Management Services, September 23, 2021](#)
- Nevada, Office of the Attorney General: [Administrative Rulemaking: A Procedural Guide, Tenth Edition, 2023](#)
- [New Hampshire Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules](#)
 - [Summary of Procedure for Adoption of Regular Rules \(Flow Chart\)](#)
- New York State Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations: [Final Investigative Report: Utility Pricing Practices and Failures, 12/31/2022](#)
- [South Carolina Legislative Oversight Committee](#)
 - [Rep. Wes Newton, Carl Levin Award for Effective Oversight](#)
- [Utah, Office of the Legislative Auditor General](#)
 - [A Performance Audit of Healthcare in State Prisons, December 2021](#)
 - [An In-Depth Follow-Up of Healthcare in State Prisons, April 2023](#)