



Greg Gianforte, Governor | Brian M. Gootkin, Director

Date: June 15, 2023

To: All Interested Persons

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Montana Department of Corrections (Department) will hold a virtual public hearing on **Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11:00 AM MST**. The hearing will be conducted as an online conference call utilizing the Zoom meeting platform.

The Department is seeking public input on the development, rulemaking, and implementation processes related to House Bill 426.

House Bill 426 amends Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Sections 46-23-201 and 53-1-203 by granting the Department rulemaking authority to establish a process that offers offenders within up to 14 months of parole or discharge early placement in a treatment or prerelease center prior to their parole eligibility date. This process will expand the population currently eligible for such consideration.

The Department invites all interested parties to attend this public hearing or submit comments to the Department prior to the public hearing.

Public comments will be accepted up to and during the meeting.

- **Join Online:** <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/83671603945?pwd=MUUhKS0wzclAvS3M4RkFoZ2QwR0d5Zz09>
- **Join by Telephone:** 1-646-558-8656
- **Meeting ID:** 836 7160 3945 **Password:** 679377

If you wish to submit written comments prior to the meeting, please do so via:

- email to Kayla.Sylvia@mt.gov; or
- mail to DOC, ATTN: Kayla Sylvia, P.O. Box 201301, Helena, MT 59620-1301.

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