

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Colloton at 1:30 pm. on January 12, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Patti Biggs, Kansas Parole Board
Director Blecha, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairperson Colloton called the meeting to order and referred the Committee to the *Report of the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight to the 2011 Legislature. (Attachment 1)* She then opened the floor for bill requests and recognized Patrick Vogelsburg, representing the Kansas County and District Attorneys' Association, to make a request for three committee bills which are listed below:

- A bill that would address forensic scientists, especially in the Johnson County Lab and the Sedgewick County, being able to testify as experts in a case.

Representative Kinzer made a motion to accept the bill request and introduce as a committee bill. Representative McCray-Miller seconded. Motion carried.

- A bill concerning report to the Department of Corrections from the DA's office when a person is convicted.

Representative Kinzer moves that it be introduced as a committee bill. Representative Brookens seconded. Motion carried.

- A bill concerning a person that has been sent to the State Hospital and is conditionally released in the same district as the hospital.

Representative Pauls moved the bill request. Representative Smith seconded. Motion carried.

- A bill concerning a waiver of trial addressing the Horn issue.

Representative Brookens moves the request as a committee bill. Representative Pauls seconded. Motion carried.

- A bill adding language to the eavesdropping bill statutes

Representative Meier moves the request as a committee bill. Representative Cassidy seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton requested a bill on behalf of the Kansas Board of Pharmacy to bring the Kansas schedule of substances in line with the federal guidelines for substances.

Representative Kinzer moves the request. Representative McCray-Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton recognized Ed Klumpp, representing the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kansas Peace Officers Association, to request a bill that would prohibit the use and sale of K3.

Representative Roth made a motion to move the request as a committee bill. Representative Brookens seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton recognized Nancy Strouse representing the Kansas Judicial Council Advisory Committee, to request bills that would be a cleanup on the large recodification bill of last year, to amend the drug code, and some new recommendations for the recodification of the criminal code. (Attachment 2)

Representative Kinzer moved the request. Representative Smith seconded. Motion carried.

A short discussion followed with Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, stating that the request

would need to be split into two bills.

Chairperson Colloton introduced Patti Biggs, Parole Board, to give an overview of the Kansas Parole Board. Ms. Biggs presented written copy of her presentation. (Attachment 3) (A copy of Ms. Biggs presentation can be found in its entirety in the offices of Legislative Administrative Services, 5th Floor, Statehouse.) Ms. Biggs took questions from Committee Members while giving her presentation.

Upon the conclusion of Ms. Biggs' presentation Chairperson Colloton introduced Robert Blecha, Director of the KBI, to give an overview of the KBI. Director Blecha presented a printed brochure regarding the KBI to the Committee. (Attachment 4) Director Blecha gave a brief history of the bureau and continued on including the hot spots of the state regarding meth labs. He also addressed the issue of the DNA Fund and the Lab Fee Fund. Director Blecha addressed questions of the Committee during his presentation.

Chairperson Colloton adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. In room 144-S.

