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**To the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
The Hon. Pete Brungardt, Chair
The Hon. Pat Colloton, Vice Chair
Honorable Members:**

Juvenile Justice Authority suggests the following topics for study during the 2012-13 Interim:

- (1) Study and recommend appropriate juvenile correctional officer staffing to juvenile offender ratios for (a) residential living units and (b) corrections operations at Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facilities (JCFs);
- (2) Study and recommend offender programming improvements at JCFs;
- (3) Study and recommend appropriate programming and counseling staff to juvenile offender ratios at JCFs;
- (4) Study and recommend curriculum additions and improvements at Westside School and Lawrence Gardner High School with particular emphasis on C-TEC;
- (5) Study impact, if any, on recruitment and retention of Juvenile Correction Officer (JCO) starting wage differential versus marketplace;
- (6) Study necessity, if any, for legislative action (statutory or otherwise) to implement and enforce (a) the interdisciplinary Robinson Study (when issued later this year) and (b) separation in residential settings of Juvenile Offenders from CINC populations.

Thank you.

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