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**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE
COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pat Colloton at 1:30 PM on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tom Moxley
Kay Wolf

Committee staff present:

Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research
Jackie Lunn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Randy Bowman, Director of Community Programs, Juvenile Justice Authority
Betsy Gillespie, Director of Corrections, Johnson County

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairperson Colloton opened the floor for bill introductions. She recognized Brad Burke, Legal Counsel, Juvenile Justice Authority, for a bill introduction. Mr. Burke requested a bill for Juvenile Justice Authority special investigators to be a certified law enforcement officer.

Representative Kelly made a motion to accept the bill request of Mr. Burke as a committee bill. Representative McCray-Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton recognized Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, to explain two bill requests he has been working on. The first bill would be relating to competency evaluation regarding time in confinement.

Representative Roth made a motion to accept the bill request of Mr. Ostrow from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. Representative McCray-Miller seconded. Motion carried.

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Mr. Ostrow had one more request for a bill. This bill would be a trailer for the parole board reorganization as a technical cleanup.

Representative Roth made a motion to accept Mr. Ostrow's request for a cleanup bill for the parole board reorganization bill from last session as a committee bill. Representative Kinzer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton stated she had a request from Judge Journey that would allow motorized bikes for those whose license to drive a car has been suspended or revoked..

Representative Kinzer made a motion to accept, as a committee bill, the request for those without a license to drive a car to be able to have a license for a motorized bike.

Representative Wolf seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton recognized Kyle Smith, Assistant Attorney General/Deputy Director, KBI who asked for a trailer bill and cleanup on the registered offender act from last session.

Representative Smith made a motion to accept the request as a committee bill. Representative Brookens seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Colloton introduced Randy Bowman, Director of Community Programs for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority. He stated he was appearing before the Committee as the Agency's Site Coordinator for JJA's partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and five local communities who are working to implement the Foundations Juvenile Detention alternatives Initiative (JDAI) in Kansas. Mr. Burke provided written copies of his testimony for the Committee and Staff ([Attachment 1](#)). He stated the five communities are Douglas County, Sedgwick County, Shawnee County, Wyndotte County, and Johnson County. Mr. Bowman presented a short power point overview of JDAI and the results that have been achieved across the nation and also outlined the work planned in Kansas for 2012. In his presentation he noted the goals of JDIA which are listed below:

- Decreasing the number of youth inappropriately detained
- Reducing failure to appear
- Redirecting public funds towards effective juvenile justice processes and public safety strategies
- Reduce Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) in the juvenile justice system
- Improve the juvenile justice system overall

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In closing, he stated that Kansas was accepted by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and they anticipate a 3 to 5 year implementation period for pilot sites. In the future they plan for statewide implementation.

Mr. Bowman addressed the questions and concerns of the Committee during his presentation. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Bowman's presentation, Chairperson Colloton introduced Betsy Gillespie, Director of Corrections, Johnson County. Ms. Gillespie provided written copies of her testimony for the Committee and Staff ([Attachment 2](#)). Director Gillespie stated that Johnson County officials are very excited to be able to participate in this initiative and to follow the strategies for reduction of juvenile detention populations as well as its many other objectives. They have formed a JDAI Collaborative Planning Group of 21 members. She is serving as Site Coordinator and is also a member of the Collaborative. They held their first group meeting in December of 2011, with another one planned for January. She highlighted on Johnson County Detention Utilization Study Data, Detention Rates, Detention Rates by Offense Type, Most Common Reasons for Detention, Notable Increases/Decreases in Detention Admissions, Length of Stay in Detention and Bed Utilization by referring to the graphs and tables accompanying her testimony. Director Gillespie addressed the questions and concerns of the Committee during her testimony with a discussion session following her testimony.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm with the next meeting scheduled for January 23, 2012 at 1:30 pm in room 144 S.

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