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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

The meeting was called to order by Marvin Littlejohn at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~p.m.~~/p.m. on January 30, 1984 in room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Research
Bill Wolff, Research
Norm Furse, Revisor
Sue Hill, Secy. to Committee

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Nancy Parrish/Advisory Commission of Juvenile Offender Program
Dr. Robert Harder, SRS
Ann Heberger, League of Women Voters of Kansas

Attachment No. 1., for visitor's register.

Chairman called meeting to order and introduced Senator Parrish who wished to testify on HB 2710.

Senator Parrish stated her support of this bill and outlined some accomplishments of the commission of Juvenile Offender Program. Further stated some concerns, i.e., the Vocational Education in the Youth Centers is of primary concern. There is a need for this program as the age of youth is older now than in earlier years and these youngsters need some training skills. Another concern and goal is to develop screening criteria on length of stay and after care programs, and what to do with youngsters that bounce from one system to another.

Staff briefing on HB 2510, HB 2709, HB 2715, HB 2723.

A very comprehensive briefing took place by staff on these bills. Questions were posed from committee members.

Hearings on HB 2710:

Dr. Harder stated his support of this bill. He distributed testimony, (see Attachment No. 2.), for details. He made brief comments, and then answered questions from committee, i.e., how many members are on commission, what fields are they from, yes the YRC program is involved with the Larned facility, why is this commission for 2 years specifically, how often does the commission visit these sites, etc.

Revisor read from statutes the number on commission. (It is 12.) Also, who appoints the commission members.

Ms. Ann Heberger spoke to support of this bill, then answered questions.

Hearings on HB 2710 closed.

Hearings on HB 2100

Dr. Harder stated the Judiciary committee decided they would rather use language "persons in charge of state youth centers should have the authority to release". SRS wanted to make certain that all 5 centers had the possibility of using conditional release. Dr. Harder recommended this bill be killed.

Motion by Rep. Williams this bill be passed out of committee adversely, seconded by Rep. Blumenthal, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Date: 1-30-84

GUEST REGISTER

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Statement Regarding House Bill 2710

1. Title of the Bill:
An act concerning the Advisory Commission on Juvenile Offender Programs; relating to the expiration thereof.

2. Purpose of Bill:
To extend for two years (to July 1, 1986) the life of the Advisory Commission on Juvenile Offender Programs.

3. Why the Bill:
During the past year, the Commission members have acquainted themselves with the critical issues facing juvenile offender programs in Kansas. They successfully undertook a project to recommend a solution to the problem of how to coordinate the flow of information throughout the juvenile justice system. As a result of this study, a system was developed, supporting legislation was passed and the system has been implemented.

The Commission is currently studying two timely issues, both of which are important to the development of programs to address the needs of juvenile offenders in Kansas. A task force is reviewing vocational education programming in the youth centers. This group will continue to monitor these programs as they develop and will provide valuable input into the process. The other issue involves the thorny problem of how to remove juveniles from adult jails. Both issues are of vital importance to the state.

The Commission also serves as the supervisory board which oversees the administration of federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds.

4. Background of the Bill:
The Commission has spent a year familiarizing themselves with the substantive issues facing the delivery of an effective Juvenile Offender Program. They have toured all of the state Youth Centers, and have listened to several hours of presentations by staff and community juvenile offender professionals. This information integrated with the background of the members constitutes a unique knowledge base that is just beginning to be tapped.

5. Possible Problems with the Bill:
None

6. SRS Recommendation:
Strong support.

Robert C. Harder, Secretary
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