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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

The meeting was called to order by Bill Bunten at
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xx~~ p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 1984 in room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Dyck (excused)

Committee staff present: Lyn Goering, Legislative Research
Gloria Timmer, Legislative Research
Alan Conroy, Legislative Research
Jim Wilson, Legislative Research
Dave Hanzlick, Administrative Assistant
Nadine Young, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Marshall Crowthers, Executive Secretary of KPERS
Larry Shannon, Sedgwick County EMS Director
Dennis Mauk, Training Officer, Sedgwick County EMS
Ray Long, Crew Leader, Sedgwick County EMS
Gary Tolle, Team Leader, Sedgwick County EMS

Others present (Attachment I)

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 by Chairman Bunten.

The first order of business was a proposed amendment to SB 496, an act relating to a prerelease program for persons sentenced to the custody of the secretary of corrections; concerning operation of prerelease centers; requiring certain reports; amending section 1 of 1984 SB 496 and repealing the existing section. (Attachment II).

Chairman asked for a motion on the proposed amendment to SB 496. Representative Shriver moved that it be introduced and recommends it be referred back to this committee. Seconded by Representative Chronister. Motion carried.

Chairman encouraged the committee members to work on fee funds, saying that all books are available or at the printers -- he urged them to get with their staff person and start to work.

Chairman turned to SB 491, an act concerning police and fireman's retirement system--coverage of certain emergency medical service technicians.

Chairman called on Marshall Crowthers to explain the highlights of SB 491. Specifically, it would expand coverage under the Kansas Police and Fireman's Retirement System (KP&F) to include emergency medical service technicians (EMST) who are employed by cities or counties. It provides that any local unit of government which provides emergency medical service may choose to affiliate with KP&F system and they would be eligible for the same benefits. It would not be applicable to personnel of a city who has contracted for medical service. It is a local option and any cost associated would be borne by the local unit of government.

After brief discussion on the above, Larry Shannon took the floor and testified in support of the bill on behalf of the Sedgwick County EMS employees. He said "we plan, if this bill passes, to use this as a means to develop a career type program in Sedgwick County for EMST employees". His testimony revealed this to be a highly stressful job and therefore most employees would want to retire at an early age because of the mental and physical demands of this type work.

Dennis Mauck addressed the committee and said he would be happy to answer any questions. He stated "we do seek an early retirement due to stress and we have several employees who are interested in the death and disability benefits, our service has been active in the past and we would very much appreciate your support".

CONTINUATION SHEET

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room 514-S, Statehouse, at 1:30 ~~am~~ p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 19 84

Representative Luzzati asked Mauck to relate a typical day. His reply -- we work 24 hours on, and 24 hours off. We run emergency calls only. We conduct various duties at the station such as cleaning, studying, etc. On a typical call, we attempt to stabilize the person and transport him or her to the hospital, while administering what medical attention we can enroute. Many calls are met also with police and firemen and all of the service people work in a very cooperative manner.

Representative Solbach asked, at what age do most people in this line of work feel they are no longer physically or mentally capable of performing these duties? Mauck answered that burnout occurs in 3 to 7 years and that age 60 would be extremely taxing.

Ray Long also spoke in support of this legislation and said he was available to answer questions.

Representative Teagarden asked if a lot of people are interested in getting into this line of work. Mr. Long stated it has only become a career type field since about 1975. Before this date the pay and benefits were very low. The requirements are now higher; therefore the profession has been upgraded.

Gary Tolle, Team Leader for Sedgwick County EMS, appeared before the committee and merely stated he was available for questioning.

Representative Teagarden asked for an example of a hazardous material call. Tolle stated that as a team leader, "I am required to be a member of the organization of people who are trained to handle hazardous material -- we evaluate the situation and dispose of any immediate danger".

Chairman asked for a motion on SB 491. Representative Meacham moved that it be reported favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Teagarden. Motion carried.

Chairman asked for a motion on approval of Minutes from January 23, 24, 25 and 26. Representative Duncan moved the Minutes be approved. Seconded by Representative Luzzati. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

GUESTS -- 1984

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Representing</u>
1. GARY STOTT	TOPEKA	BUDGET
2. James R. Ladd	Wichita	KS 97A
3. Jerry Marlett	Emmett	KS 977
4. Ray Song	WICHITA	Ems
5. Dennis Mauk	Wichita	Sedg. Co. EMS
6. GARRY B. TOWE	VAN DYKE CENTER	Sedg. Co. E.M.S.
7. LAWRENCE SHANNON	SEEBY	SEEBY Co. EMS
8. James M. ...	Lawrence	KPERS
9. Marc Goodma	Topeka	KPERS
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BILL NO. _____

AN ACT relating to a prerelease program for persons sentenced to the custody of the secretary of corrections; concerning operation of prerelease centers; requiring certain reports; amending section 1 of 1984 Senate Bill No. 496 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. Section 1 of 1984 Senate Bill No. 496 is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. (a) The secretary of corrections is hereby authorized to establish a prerelease program under which inmates receive training and other services to better prepare themselves for release upon parole, conditional release or discharge from their maximum sentence.

(b) Within the limitations of appropriations available therefor, the secretary of corrections may establish and operate prerelease centers. Each prerelease center shall be used only for:

(1) The housing and confinement of minimum custody inmates during the period preceding their anticipated release upon parole, conditional release or discharge from their maximum sentence;

(2) the housing and confinement of those minimum custody inmates which the secretary determines are necessary to provide maintenance and other support services for the operation of the prerelease center;

(3) the housing of paroled inmates who would benefit from the prerelease program, as determined by the secretary of corrections; and

(4) at a prerelease center located at a state institution or facility, the temporary housing and confinement by the secretary

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of corrections ~~may house and confine temporarily~~ of not more than 15 minimum custody inmates to provide maintenance, support and other services to that state institution or facility upon request of the chief administrative officer of the state institution or facility and approval by the secretary of corrections.

(c) No minimum custody inmate sentenced for committing a felony of a higher classification than a class D or E felony may be housed and confined at any prerelease center until the inmate has been in minimum custody status for 90 days or more, except that for good cause the secretary of corrections may make an exception and may house and confine any such inmate at a prerelease center for the purpose of participating in the prerelease program under subsection (b)(1).

(d) The prerelease center established at the Winfield state hospital and training center shall not be used as a work release center or honor camp.

(e) The secretary of corrections shall designate a local advisory committee for each prerelease center composed of persons who are residents of the community or area where the prerelease center is located.

(f) (1) The secretary of corrections shall develop a plan of operations for each prerelease center which shall be prepared and submitted prior to opening the prerelease center to the governor, attorney general, president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and which shall specify in detail:

(A) The manner of selecting inmates to be housed and confined in the prerelease center for each purpose for which inmates may be so housed and confined;

(B) the standards and procedures used to determine the custody status of inmates and to select inmates to be housed and confined at the prerelease center; and

(C) the programs and activities for inmates at the prerelease center.

(2) The secretary of corrections shall prepare and submit a monthly report to the governor, attorney general, president of

the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives which reports the current operations of each prerelease center, explains any changes or adjustments in the standards and procedures used to determine the custody status of inmates and to select inmates to be housed and confined at the prerelease center, and lists information on the inmates currently housed and confined at each prerelease center and those inmates scheduled to be so housed and confined during the ensuing month, including the names, offenses for which sentenced, record of prior criminal convictions and behavior while in the custody of the secretary of corrections, and the period the inmate is to be housed and confined at the prerelease center.

Sec. 2. Section 1 of 1984 Senate Bill No. 496 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

Your committee on House Ways and Means

Recommends that SB 491

"AN ACT relating to the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system; concerning coverage of certain emergency medical service technicians by counties and cities which provide emergency medical service as a third function apart from police and fire protection.

be passed.

Don W. Austin Chairman.