

Approved

Stephen R. Cloud 2-19-86  
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stephen R. Cloud at  
Chairperson

9:07 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 1986 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Hassler - Excused

Committee staff present:

Avis Swartzman - Revisor

Carolyn Rampey - Legislative Research Dept.

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Wanda Fuller - Bill Co-Sponsor

Senator Nancy Parrish

Ben Coates - Director of Juvenile Offender Programs, SRS

The meeting of the House Governmental Organization Committee was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on February 12 by Representative Stephen R. Cloud, Chairman. The January 28 minutes were approved on a motion by Representative Bowden, with a second by Representative Sutter. February 7 minutes were distributed.

Representative Fuller, Co-sponsor of HB 2714 and a Governmental Organization Committee member, was introduced and explained what the bill would accomplish. The bill would repeal K.S.A. 75-5390, which sunsets the Commission July 1, 1986. She distributed an attachment that showed Commission membership, as well as duties performed by the Commission. (See Attachment A)

Senator Parrish, a current member of the Commission, spoke in favor of the bill. She commented that the Commission monitors juveniles before and after they are placed in the juvenile justice system. The accent is not on just a diploma, but what kinds of vocational skills are needed for job placement. Funding is a big problem that is being addressed. She replied to a question by saying that a teacher from a particular school and teaching juveniles in the system would have the salary set by the district, but paid by the state.

Ben Coates, Director of Juvenile Offender Programs, distributed an attachment. (See Attachment B). He gave background on the Commission, saying the Commission participates in and sponsors programs for juvenile offenders, along with trying to raise the consciousness of the community to an awareness of juvenile programs. He stated the Department recommends a two-year extension of the Commission.

The Chairman thanked the conferees and made several announcements.

The Joint House and Senate Governmental Organization dinner date has been changed from Thursday, March 20 to Tuesday, March 18. There will be no meeting Friday, February 14. House Bill 2884, dealing with land surveyors and House Bill 2885, concerning the Advisory Committee on Mexican American Affairs, have been assigned to the Committee. The other bill introduced by Governmental Organization, House Bill 2886, concerning dog pounds, was assigned to Federal & State Affairs. Tuesday, February 18, the Committee will hear House Bill 2793, the bill relating to veterans.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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ADVISORY COMMISSION ON JUVENILE OFFENDERS PROGRAMS

The Advisory Commission on Juvenile Offender Programs was created under K.S.A. 75-5388, by the 1982 session of the Kansas legislature. Commission membership includes:

The Secretary of SRS or a designee

The Commissioner of Education or a designee

The Attorney General or a designee

Two Judges of the district court appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

One person actively engaged in law enforcement, appointed by the Governor

One person from the Field of Corrections, appointed by the Governor

Two representatives of organizations or private agencies which are actively involved in providing services or programs for juvenile offenders, appointed by the Governor

Four legislators, one each appointed by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and by the President and Minority Leader of the Senate

This Commission was established to confer, advise and consult with the Director of Juvenile Offender Programs with respect to the policies governing the management and operation of the services, programs or institutions under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner. Additionally, the Commission shall:

Consult with and advise the Governor on matters related to institutions and programs for juvenile offenders;

Visit and inspect the youth centers;

Prepare an annual report to the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, the Secretary of SRS, the Attorney General, the Chief Justice, and the members of the Legislature;

Recommend legislation;

Make recommendations concerning the defining of appropriate roles of other state agencies involved in the delivery of services or programs to juvenile offenders;

Act as the supervisory board for purposes of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

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Attachment a

CURRENT MEMBERS

Statutory Members

Robert C. Barnum  
Commissioner of Youth Services  
SRS Designee

Brenda Braden  
Asst. Attorney General  
Attorney General Designee

Warren Bell  
Director, State & Federal Programs  
Administration Section  
KSDE Designee

Appointees of the Chief of Justice

The Honorable Richard Loffswold  
Associate District Judge  
Girard, Kansas

The Honorable Lee Nusser  
District Magistrate Judge  
St. John, Kansas

Members of the Senate

The Honorable Nancy Parrish  
State Senator  
Topeka, Kansas

The Honorable Alicia Salisbury  
State Senator  
Topeka, Kansas

Members of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Donna Whiteman  
State Representative  
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Honorable Wanda Fuller  
State Representative  
Wichita, Kansas

Governor's Appointees

Chris Rieger  
Field of Corrections

Sally Northcutt  
President, Kansas Association of  
Licensed Child Care Agencies

Terry Campbell  
Law Enforcement

Lois Jebo  
Executive Director  
Kansas Action for Children

Ex-officio Member

Cathy Leonhart  
Court Services

STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Youth Services

SUMMARY

H.B. 2714

This bill would provide for an indefinite extension of the Advisory Commission on Juvenile Offender Programs.

BACKGROUND

The Commission continues to serve as a resource for the Juvenile Offender Programs Section of Youth Services. They provide an opportunity for critical review and comment on current program elements in the youth centers and in community based programs. Their diversity of backgrounds and experience facilitates this process.

During their history, the Commission has reviewed and made recommendations on education programs, data collection systems, community aftercare projects, drug and alcohol programs, and juveniles held in adult jails.

During the past two years, the Commission has participated in and sponsored an intensive study of the juveniles housed in adult jails and lock-ups. This study provided baseline information on the number and characteristics of juveniles in jail and the condition surrounding their confinement. This study served to raise the consciousness of the juvenile justice community around this issue.

As a result of this study, the Commission endorsed the concept that all juveniles should be removed from adult jails and lock-ups. They actively pursued the development of projects geared towards providing alternatives to jail for juveniles. Several of these projects are currently operational and are providing valuable community resources. The necessary expertise for the continued operation of these projects, and their potential expansion resides with the Commission.

The Commission also reviews and approves Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants.

RECOMMENDATION

SRS recommends that the term of the Advisory Commission on Juvenile Offender Programs be extended until July 1, 1988.

Robert C. Harder, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Social & Rehabilitation Services  
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Attachment B