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MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Federal and State Affairs

The meeting was called to order by Senator Edward F. Reilly, Jr. at
Chairperson

11:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 27, 1986 in room 254-E of the Capitol.

All members were present ~~except~~:

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Russ Mills, Legislative Research
Mary Torrence, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Sharon Efird, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Chuck Simmons, General Counsel, Department of Corrections

Chuck Simmons, the General Counsel for the Department of Corrections, appeared to brief the Committee on SB 557 - conditionally released inmates, transportation costs; SB 558 - transportation of inmates, contracts for; and SB 578 - duties of chief physician at correctional institution.

SB 557 - The Department of Corrections requested an amendment to SB 557, beginning on Line 62. The Department is proposing the Secretary be given the authority to pay the transportation costs, to anywhere in the country, for inmates on conditional release status. Presently, those conditionally released are only allowed to have transportation costs paid for destinations within the state of Kansas. The \$100 given an inmate on release does not allow him to pay the cost of transportation out of state. Mr. Simmons pointed out that in 1985, there were only 19 conditionally released to out of state. He estimates that it would cost the Department less than \$1000 to pay the transportation costs for a similar number of inmates and that the Department can absorb the cost.

SB 558 - The Committee next reviewed SB 558, also requested by the Department of Corrections. The Department is seeking the statutory authority to contract with private firms for transportation services, particularly on an interstate basis. This would apply to prisoners being transferred to other states under compact to serve time in the other states or, more commonly, to return a parole or conditionally released violator to Kansas. They do not have the details of such a program but are merely seeking the authority to enter into contracts. They will then determine if it is cost effective in terms of dollars and man-hours saved. The bill includes the requirement for adequate liability insurance and the provision that the firm used has qualified and trained individuals to perform the job. All possibilities will be explored to determine if it is beneficial to the Department.

SB 578 - The third bill the Committee reviewed would allow the Department of Corrections to "employ or contract for" medical services at state correctional institutions. The Department is seeking to change the word "appoint" which is viewed as limiting their ability to contract for services. The change would give them flexibility but still be consistent with the statute. The other change in SB 578 is necessary to express the reality of what is occurring at the institutions--they do not operate hospitals, but do operate clinics. At present, the proposal to contract for medical services is in the planning stages. They envision contracting for all medical services at the institutions and feel it can be done within the limits of appropriations for medical care.

Senator Daniels requested staff provide the Committee a copy of the Performance Audit Report of Inmate Health Care, prepared by the Legislative Division of Post Audit.

Senator Reilly asked Mr. Simmons to return next week with additional information with regard to exactly what medical services would be provided under SB 578.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Federal and State Affairs,
room 254-E, Statehouse, at 11:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on February 27, 1986.

Senator Ehrlich moved that the Committee introduce a bill, requested by Senator Burke, concerning clove cigarettes, prohibiting sale or offering for sale and providing penalties for violations; amending K.S.A. 79-3321 and repealing the existing section. Seconded by Senator Daniels. Motion carried.

Senator Reilly announced that on Friday, the Subcommittee would be reporting on SB 538 - real estate recovery revolving fund, and that there would be further discussion of SB 557 and SB 558.

The meeting was adjourned.