

Approved: March 14, 1996
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson David Adkins at 3:30 p.m. on February 5, 1996 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Andrew Howell - Excused
Representative Gary Merritt - Excused
Representative Britt Nichols - Excused
Representative Mike O'Neal - Excused
Representative Candy Ruff - Absent
Representative Vince Snowbarger - Excused
Representative Dee Yoh - Excused

Committee staff present: Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Wulfsuhle, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Roberta Sue McKenna, Youth Services Attorney, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Helen Stephens, Kansas Peace Officers Association

Others attending: See attached list

Hearings on **HB 2754** - Juvenile justice authority will succeed to title in real property SRS holds concerning juvenile offenders, were opened.

Roberta Sue McKenna, Youth Services Attorney for Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, appeared before the committee in support of the bill. She stated that without this bill all real property SRS has acquired, rather than just the property used for juvenile offender programs, would be transferred to the Juvenile Justice Authority, (Attachment 1).

Helen Stephens, Kansas Peace Officers Association, appeared before the committee as a proponent of the bill and applauded the Juvenile Authority for its in-depth study of juvenile offenders, (Attachment 2).

Hearings on **HB 2754** were closed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 3:45. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 1996.

**Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Rochelle Chronister, Secretary**

**House Committee on Judiciary
Testimony on H.B. 2754 Pertaining To
The Juvenile Justice Authority**

February 5, 1996

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is Roberta Sue McKenna, Youth Services Attorney for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of Secretary Chronister in support of House Bill No. 2754.

This bill is intended to correct what appears to be an oversight in 1995 Senate Bill No. 312 (K.S.A. 1995 Supp. 75-7002) which established the Juvenile Justice Authority. This correction appears on page 2, line 19, where the language "concerning juvenile offenders" is added. This same language appears in other subsections of this statute but was left out of subsection (g). Without this limitation we are concerned it would transfer right, title or interest of all real property SRS has acquired rather than just the property used for juvenile offender programs.

We respectfully encourage the committee to act favorably on H.B. 2754.

Roberta Sue McKenna
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Attachment 1

KANSAS PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
and
KANSAS SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

February 5, 1996

TO: House Judiciary Committee

SUBJECT: HB 2754

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Helen Stephens, representing the Kansas Peace Officers Association and the Kansas Sheriffs Association.

We are here to support HB 2754 and to say this was a long time in coming. Several law enforcement officers from both organizations have served on a number of committees which had the charge of studying juvenile reform. These committees, too, came to some of these same conclusions, but the legislature chose to take no action.

We applaud the Juvenile Authority for its in-depth study and long-needed recommendations. We will lend our support to full passage of their recommendations so all will be in place when the date for enactment arrives.

We would like one clarification -- would this give all authority over juvenile detention facilities and "temporary" facilities over to the new authority? Will KDHE still have jurisdiction in this area?

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

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Attachment 2