

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward Loyd at 1:30 p.m. on January 14, 2004 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Nicoletta Buonasera, Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Chairperson Loyd welcomed the committee with introduction of new staff members and that Representative Don Betts has moved to the Senate.

Randy Hearrell, Kansas Judicial Council appeared before the committee to request the introduction of proposed amendments. (Attachment 1).

1. Kansas Code for Care of Children. Also, repeal of KSA 38-1507b with the contents of that section being moved to a new section. In addition two new sections relating to confidentiality are proposed.

Representative Pauls made the motion that this request should be introduced as a committee bill.

Representative Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research gave a review of the issues considered during the interim in the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight. (Copies of 2003 Interim Committee Reports are located in the Legislative Research Department) The Joint Committee reviewed the topics included in the statutory charge as well as several specific topics which were assigned by the Legislative Coordinating Council. The Committee will introduce two bills related to deleting the sunset provisions of the Juvenile Justice reform Act and requiring wholesalers or distributors of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine to register their Kansas sales.

The bills were pre filed and on the calendar are as follows:

HB 2487 - An act concerning the Juvenile Justice Authority; relating to the abolishment thereof; repealing KSA 2003 Supp. 75-7032. (Referred to Appropriations)

HB 2486 - An act concerning chemicals; relating to the registration of wholesalers, manufacturers and distributors; amending KSA 65-7003 and repealing the existing section. (Referred to Corrections and Juvenile Justice)

Non-legislation recommendations made by the Committee include the following:

1. Initiate the construction of an additional housing unit at the El Dorado Correctional facility, and consider privatization options regarding construction and operation of correctional facilities as appropriate.

2. Retain an expert to evaluate the adequacy of mental health services and facilities for inmates, and request proposals for collaborative evaluation of the adequacy of the mental health system in general.
3. Assume funding of former federal grants related to methamphetamine abuse enforcement and prevention (\$750,000 and \$350,000 per year, respectively).
4. Continue the InnerChange Freedom Initiative Prison Fellowship program as currently administered by the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC).
5. Endorse the KDOC risk management philosophy.

The Chairman gave a brief overview of what the committee would probably be working on this session.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2004 at 1:30 pm in Room 241-N.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Corrections and Juvenile Justice

FROM: Kansas Judicial Council

DATE: January 14, 2004

RE: Judicial Council Bill Request

The Judicial Council requests introduction of proposed amendments to the Kansas Code for Care of Children sections K.S.A. 38-1506, 38-1507 and 38-1508. Also, repeal of K.S.A. 38-1507b is proposed, with the contents of that section being moved to a new section. In addition two new sections relating to confidentiality are proposed.

House Corr 1 JJ
Attachment 1
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