

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Edmonds at 1:30 P.M. on January 24, 2006 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ray Merrick- excused
Representative Candy Ruff- excused
Representative Kenny Wilk- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Carol Doel, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

Representative Miller

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Edmonds opened the floor for bill introductions. Representative Dillmore requested the introduction of a bill involving amending the current statute to be in conformity with federal rules as far as employee charitable contributions. With no objections, this was accepted for introduction.

Representative Siegfried requested a bill having to do with pornography in schools. With no objection, this was accepted for introduction.

The Chairman requested a bill concerning state officers and employees; relating to legal holidays for state service, a bill requiring employers to give paid leave to certain veterans on Veterans' Day; providing penalties for violations, a bill dealing with the militia, defense and public safety and other missions to the descriptions of activities requested by the commander in chief, a bill amending **HB 2518** and repealing an existing section, a bill to certify security officers and resource protection officers as law enforcement officials, and a bill to amend the Kansas Intrastate Emergency Mutual Aid Agreements. With no objection, these bills were accepted for introduction.

Representative Melody Miller came before the committee with a briefing on a bill which has no number at this time, but is relating to disproportionate minority contact in our juvenile justice system. Representative Miller provided statistics from the Sedgwick County DMC regarding the African American youth and the juvenile justice decision points showing actual percentages. (Attachment 1) The Representative further related that this bill presents an opportunity to put into place a process that either eliminates and/or reduces the number of offenders at an approximate cost savings of \$28-30,000 a person and strongly supports the passage of this bill.

Representative Miller requested that this bill be accepted conceptually for introduction. With no objections this was accepted for introduction.

With no further business before the committee, Chairman Edmonds adjourned the meeting.

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Federal and State Affairs Committee Briefing

Disproportionate Minority Contact in our Juvenile Justice System: HB _____

Thank you Chairman Edmonds, esteemed members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee and colleagues.

This briefing addresses the issue of Disproportionate Minority Contact in our Juvenile Justice System. In front of you there should be a copy of the proposed bill along with supportive documentation regarding the percentage of African American youths in each of the twelve decision-making points in the Sedgwick County Juvenile Justice System.

The 1988 amendments to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974 authorized OJJDP to require states participating in the Formula Grants Program to address DMC in their state plans. The 1992 amendments to the Act elevated DMC to a core requirement/ protection, tying future funding to compliance. The State of Kansas was found to be flirting with being out of compliance in 2003 and as a consequence was threatened with having 25% of our Title V grant funding captured.

As a Kansas Advisory Group (KAG) member, the advisory committee to the JJA, I am pleased to report, we as a state are working diligently to bring the state into full compliance. However, this issue of the over-representation of our state's youth of color has far reaching consequences for these youths and their families. The negative consequences flow into our neighborhoods, community by community. Ultimately this issue impacts each one of us not only as members of our respective communities, but also as legislators, contemplating a budget that may include identifying funds needed to build a new state corectional facility to

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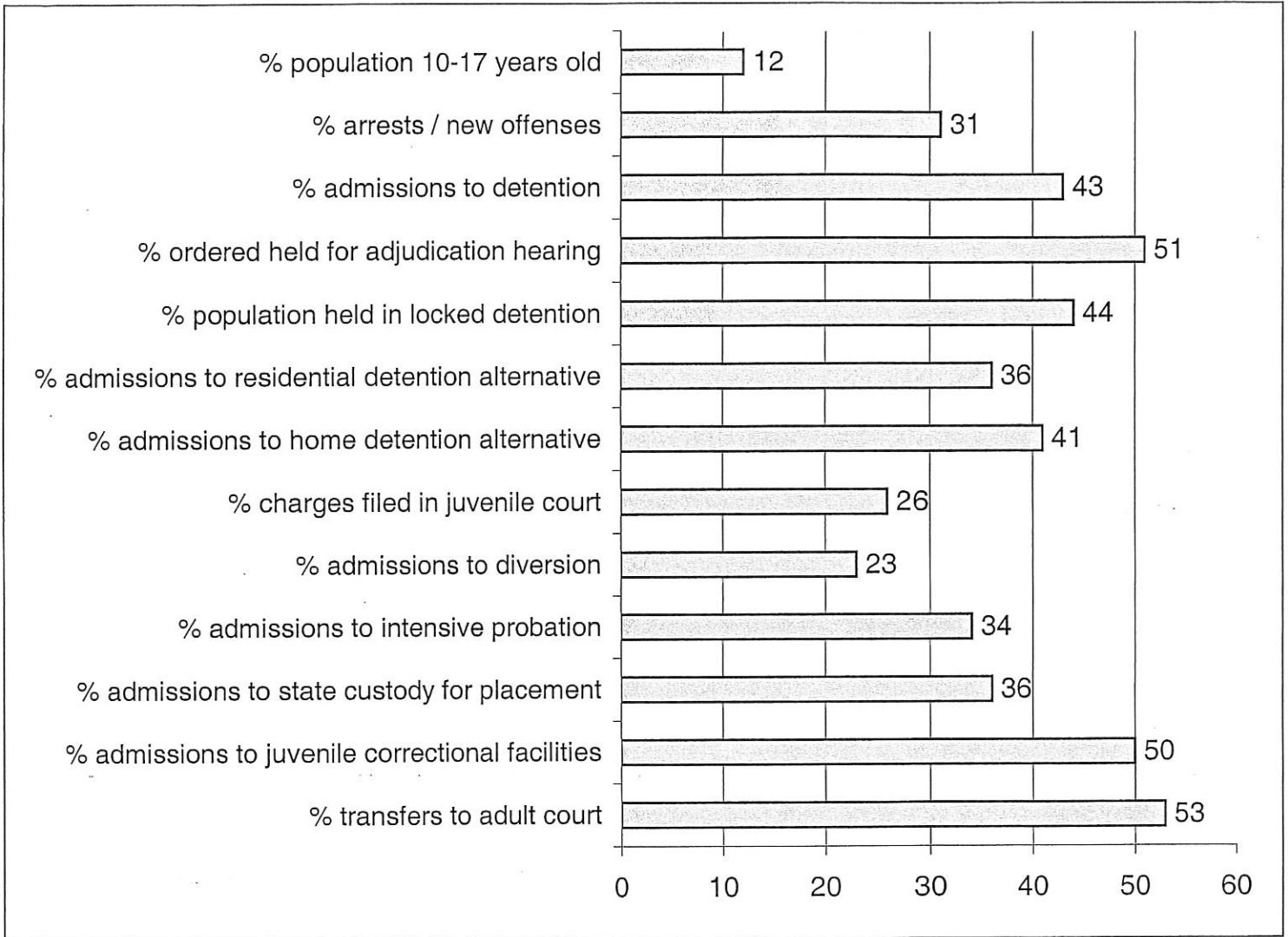
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house the growing prison population. I don't know about you, but personally, if I can identify a challenge which presents an opportunity to put into place a process that either eliminates and/or reduces the number of offenders that fill those beds at an approximate cost savings of 28-30,000 (thousand) dollars a person, I would strongly consider the preventive alternative. And that, Chairman Edmonds, is what HB _____ proposes to do.

**Sedgwick County DMC
2003/2004 Combined
African American Youth**

Juvenile Justice Decision Points



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