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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CORRECTIONS & JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ward Loyd at 1:30 P.M. on February 10, 2005 in Room 241-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Kathe Decker- excused  
Mike Peterson- absent

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Jerry Ann Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research  
Connie Burns, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tim Madden, Chief Legal Counsel, KDOC  
Kyle Smith, KBI  
James Martinez  
Melissa Julian

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman provided the committee with two articles from the Nation Criminal Justice Reference Service. (Attachment 1) These articles provide the Web Sites for funding, information and resources available.

### **HB 2051 – Offender release notification**

Chairman Loyd opened the hearing on **HB 2051**.

Tim Madden, Chief Legal Counsel, KDOC, appeared in favor of the bill and the Department recommends amendments. (Attachment 2) The Joint Committee on Correction & Juvenile Justice Oversight recommended this bill and the amendment would enhance public safety by ensuring that the existence of outstanding warrants and the imposition of sentences, though not executed by the Department are brought to the Department's attention, not only as the date of the offender's release approaches, but also throughout the inmate's incarceration, thus enhancing the Department's ability to make appropriate custody classification decisions.

Kyle Smith, KBI, appeared before the committee in support of the concept and the proposed amendments. (Attachment 3) What is needed is training or incentive to get local agencies to enter all their warrants into either NCIC or the misdemeanor hot file or notify the department of corrections directly.

Chairman Loyd closed the hearing on **HB 2051**.

### **HB 2206 – Disposal of abandoned inmate property.**

Chairman Loyd opened the hearing on **HB 2206**.

Tim Madden, Chief Legal Counsel, KDOC, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 4) This bill amends KSA 75-5257 so the disposition of unclaimed property of an inmate pursuant to the statute would be consistent with the provisions of KSA 75-52,135 and in conformity with the Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. The amendment of KSA 75-5257 would not affect the provisions of the law governing the department's obligation relative to the control and preservation of inmate money and property while the inmate is in custody.

Chairman Loyd closed the hearing on **HB 2206**

**HB 2076 – Miki’s Law; establishment of a registry of persons convicted of felonies using a deadly weapon.**

Chairman Loyd opened the hearing on **HB 2076**

Representative John Edmonds introduced and explained the intent of the bill, and introduced his constituent on whose behalf the measure has been advanced.

James Martinez, appeared in support of the bill. (Attachment 5) The bill will notify the public of those criminals and help monitor them without stretching the resources of Law Enforcement.

Melissa Julian, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 6) She feels as law abiding citizens, that they have the right to know if these people are walking around in their neighborhoods.

Stephanie Helms, provided written testimony in support of the bill. (Attachment 7)

Kyle Smith, KBI, appeared as neutral on the bill. (Attachment 8) The bill basically copies the current Kansas Registered Offender Act and is in some ways redundant to that system. If the committee decides to go forward with this legislation the KBI would suggest that the covered crimes be incorporated into the existing system rather than create a redundant program. These addition duties would be under the KBI and there would be a fiscal note.

Chairman Loyd closed the hearing on **HB 2076**.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm. The next meeting is February 14, 2005.