

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on January 22, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Roger Werholtz

Others attending:

See attached list.

Secretary Roger Werholtz, Kansas Department of Corrections, provided the committee an update on the Department of Corrections. (Attachment 1) SB 14 provides a significant piece of legislation that was passed last year. Three different things occurred; 1) it created incentives and set up resources for local community corrections programs to focus on improving public safety while at the same time reducing their admissions in the prison population 2) and in addition altered some of the good time practices, for the awarding of time off for i.e. good behavior for offenders and changed the opportunity to increase good time, 3) and clarified funding procedures for community corrections programs.

The prison populations projections were provided and a revised projected population with the passage of SB 14. This indicates that if there is no change in sentencing policy enacted by the legislature this year and continue to achieve the 20% reduction in community corrections revocation practices that are anticipated in SB 14, it may be possible to go 10 years without adding capacity to the prison system; the numbers are all custody and genders, and would depend on the type of the bed and custody that would be required.. KDOC has been successful with risk reduction:

- reduced annual jail per diem expenditures by \$220,000
- Monthly revocation rates
 - FY 2003 - 203/month
 - FY 2004 - 191/month
 - FY 2005 - 178/month
 - FY 2006 - 136/month
 - FY 2007 - 103/month
 - FY 2008 - 114/month to date
- 50% reduction target = 90/month

Part of the reasoning has been the massive retraining of staff, some things had not been taught before and redefining what we expect from staff. Parole absconders have been reduced; numbers were provided on post incarceration offenders returned with new sentences, and offenders committing new felony offenses while on supervised release. Charts were provided on proportion of Community Corrections average daily population and revocations by agency, FY08 base allocation and SB 14 awards and the chart on page 11 reflects in the last shaded column local programs revocation rate and the bottom line shows the state average, and Community Corrections was asked to reduce revocations by 20% and that has been achieved.

Secretary Werholtz explained the good time and program credit implementation. The redesign of automated good time system and design of automated SB 14 good time computation system; two phases of training are being developed for delivery to facility classification, unit team, and records staff. The goal is to have all programming completed and implemented by May 1, 2008.

Riley County has sued twice over Community Corrections calculation. Riley County #1 was dismissed on motion by KDOC on May 23, 2007, and Riley County has appealed to the Kansas Court of Appeals. Riley

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County #2 was dismissed on KDOC's motion on October 29, 2007; a subsequent motion to reconsider by the county was denied on January 11, 2008.

The bonding package passed last year has helped in repair and renovation. The bonding package will let KDOC catch up on some projects that they have not been able to do:

- Lansing Correctional Facility - demolition for construction of the new clinic/infirmery in the maximum security unit
- Seven and ½ miles of razor wire at the perimeter fence at El Dorado Correctional Facility
- New wire on the exercise yard in segregation at El Dorado Correctional Facility
- Enhanced video recording and monitoring
- Handheld metal detector screening
- Guard1 plus rounds tracker- document officers rounds
- Norton a new kitchen and dinning hall

Chuck Simmons is overseeing the bonding package if there are any questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am. The next scheduled meeting is January 23, 2008.