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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Patton at 3:30 PM Monday, March 12, 2012 in 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Ron Ryckman
Lance Kinzer

Committee staff present:

Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nancy Lister, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Pam Moses, Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators
Christine Ladner, Office of the Attorney General
Gary Steed, Interim Executive Director

Others in attendance:

See attached.

Vice-Chairman Patton announced tomorrow the Committee would consider final action on **SB 330**, **SB 366** and **SB 367**

Vice-Chairman Patton opened the hearing on **SB 79—Concerning the protection of rights granted under the constitution**. Katherine McBride provided an overview of the bill content.

Pam Moses testified in support of **SB 79** on behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators (KADCCA), requesting K.S.A. 75-6210 be amended to provide the debt set-off collection assistance fee be paid as an additional cost for all debts owed to the court. Under the current law, the 18.4 percent debt setoff collection assistance fee is paid from the amount collected, making the amount remitted to the court 18.4 percent less than the debt owed. The KADCCA would ask the debt setoff collection assistance fee be identical to the debt collection fee authorized in K.S.A. 75-719. (Attachment 1)

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Continuation Sheet

Minutes of the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee at 3:30 PM on Monday, March 12, 2012 in 346-S of the Capitol.

Vice Chairman Patton acknowledged there is written testimony in support of **SB 79** submitted by Paul Steele, the Kansas Legislative Policy Group. (Attachment 2)

Vice-Chairman Patton closed the hearing on SB 79 and opened the hearing on **SB 280–Sexually violent predator cases; evaluations and expert testimony**. Jason Thompson provided an overview of the bill content.

Christine Ladner testified in support of **SB 280** on behalf of Attorney General Derek Schmidt, stating the bill would assist prosecutors in two ways. The bill clarifies there is only limited confidentiality in sexually violent predator evaluations, and the bill expands the admissibility of expert testimony to apply to all proceedings and hearings under the act, not just the initial trial. (Attachment 3)

Vice-Chairman Patton closed the hearing on **SB 280** and opened the hearing on **SB 424–Kansas law enforcement training act; Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training**. Jason Thompson provided an overview of the bill.

Gary Steed testified in support of **SB 424** advising the Kansas Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training is a twelve-member body established by statute to administer portions of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Act. They certify individuals to become law enforcement officers. The Commission requests adoption of the proposed amendments to the act and cited reasons they support the bill. (Attachment 4)

Vice-Chairman Patton acknowledged there is written testimony in support of **SB 424** by Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Sheriffs Association, and Kansas Peace Officers Association. (Attachment 5)

Vice-Chairman Patton closed the hearing on **SB 424**. Vice-Chairman Patton asked the Committee to consider final action on **SB 322–Court fees and costs; judicial branch surcharge fund**. Jason Thomson provided a brief overview of the bill.

Representative Brookens moved, Representative Rubin seconded, to recommend SB 322 favorably for passage. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Patton asked the Committee to consider final action on **SB 422–Relating to judges pro tem**. Jason Thompson provided an overview of the bill content.

Representative Ward moved, Representative Pauls seconded, to recommend SB 422 favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The next hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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