

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas C. Owens at 12:05 P.M. on February 26, 2008 in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters Revisor of Statutes Office  
Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Cyndie Rexer, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Owens opened the meeting by informing the committee that he does not intend to work **HB 2877** concerning child custody and residency and **HB 2878** concerning private correctional facilities. The parties who requested these bills are not ready to move forward with them.

The Chairman requested the committee to become familiar with **SB 410** which clarifies existing statutory language dealing with the four current juvenile correctional facilities, would allow the appointment of a superintendent and deputy superintendent and eliminate the attorney position at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. Representative Henry asked for clarification of the last paragraph of the bill which would repeal the statute that finds any individual convicted of assisting or harboring an escaped juvenile from a juvenile correctional facility guilty of a misdemeanor. The committee will work this bill at the next meeting.

Chairman Owens asked the committee to become familiar with **SB 409**, **SB 482**, **SB 483**, **SB 484** as he intends to meet with a group of key people on March 7 to discuss and possibly consolidate these bills with **HB 2879** to create one effective bill. Representative Colloton requested copies of these bills and any supporting documents. Revisors office will distribute them to each member of the committee.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Kathy Damron and Stuart Little for providing lunches for the committee.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2008, 11:30 a.m. in room 431-N.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.