

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas C. Owens at 11:00 A.M. on February 15, 2008 in Room 431N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Dan Johnson- excused  
Representative Delia Garcia- excused  
Representative Mitch Holmes- excused

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:

Russell Jennings, Commissioner, Juvenile Justice Authority  
Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections  
Helen Pedigo, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Owens introduced Commissioner Russ Jennings who explained the funding methodology of the Juvenile Justice Authority and on the facilities under the JJA's management. Included was the history, physical makeup, who they serve, and the level of security at each facility. (Attachment 1)

Secretary Roger Werholtz presented a PowerPoint presentation on the theories for changing criminal behavior. (Attachment 2) The Secretary provided the committee with the following handouts:

Evidence-Based Adult Corrections Programs: What Works and What Does Not by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (Attachment 3)  
Index in reference to Statistical Profile FY 2007 Offender Population (copy on file in Legislative Research) (Attachment 4)  
Program Outcome Summary Return Rate by Program, Follow-up Period and Level of Program Exposure FY 1992-FY2006 (Attachment 5)

Helen Pedigo spoke regarding the bed impact SB 484 and the DUI provisions of the proposed bill will make in Kansas facilities. (Attachment 6) Ms. Pedigo also reported on the proposed improvements and modifications to Kansas sentencing laws and explained how to read the sentencing grids. (Attachment 7)

A period of questions and answers followed.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 531-N.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.