

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas C. Owens at 11:55 AM on March 11, 2008 in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Owens reopened the hearing on **SB 410**. Jason Thompson, Revisor, briefed the committee on a memo they each received last week. In a previous meeting, Representative Dahl questioned why K.S.A. 76-2111 is repealed by the bill. The statute states that any individual convicted of assisting or harboring an escaped juvenile from a juvenile correctional facility guilty of a misdemeanor. The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority requested the repeal because the statute is obsolete and is covered in other statutes with greater penalty provisions. The Commissioner is in agreement that this statute needs to be repealed.

Chairman Owens closed the hearing and began working the bill with no objection from the committee.

Representative Pauls moved to amend by adding “or the Commissioner’s designee” to line 19, page 1. Representative Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Johnson moved the Select Committee on Corrections Reform and Oversight recommend **SB 410** pass favorably as amended. Representative Grange seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Owens gave the committee an update on the status of HB 2879 and the meeting held March 7 with Representative Henry, Department of Corrections, Revisors, Legislative Research and Dalynn Schmitt, Executive Director, Heartland Regional Alcohol & Drug Assessment Center to discuss this bill and **SB 409** and how these bills could be incorporated together. The committee may not have enough time to complete its task. The Speaker may be willing to extend this topic into the Interim.

Athena Andaya, Legislative Research Department, briefed the committee on **Substitute for SB 409**, which passed out of the Senate Judiciary committee today. This bill incorporates all the conclusions and recommendations from the Subcommittee and also rolled in **SB 495** which restricts the transfer of offenders from the jails to the DOC if they have less than 10 days remaining on their sentence. Ms. Andaya distributed to the committee a memorandum on the bed impact on **Substitute for SB 409** and the KDOC Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. (Attachment 1)

The meeting for Friday, March 14 has been canceled. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 431-N.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25. P.M.