Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Monday, August 26, 2019
10:30 a.m.
Blatt Room 110

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Attendance

I. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Edward R. Tallon, Sr., calls the Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting to order on Monday, August 26, 2019, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members are present during all or part of the meeting: ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon, Representative Gary E. Clary; Representative Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey, IV; Representative Chandra E. Dillard; Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.; Representative Jeffrey E. “Jeff” Johnson; and Representative Robert Q. Williams.
Minutes

I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

II. Representative Clary moves to approve the minutes from the prior Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote is held, and the motion passes.

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Discussion of the S.C. Department of Corrections

I. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains a purpose of today's meeting is to receive information about the Legislative Audit Council's audit the Committee requested.

II. The Director of the Legislative Audit Council, Mr. K. Earle Powell, makes brief remarks to the ad hoc subcommittee. Deputy Director Marcia Lindsay introduces the audit team: Deputy Director Marcia A. Lindsay; Senior Auditor Courtney Phillips; Auditor Jacob Dominy, Auditor Trent Anderson, and Auditor Madison Esterle. Deputy Director Lindsay presents the audit. Topics the audit addresses include:

Chapter 1: Introduction and Background

Chapter 2: Correctional Officers (Cos) and Other Staff
  Recruitment
  Background Checks for Correctional Officers and Volunteers
  Correctional Officer Training
  Required Training for Contraband Control Officers Not Provided
  Off-Duty Training and Overtime Pay
Programs for Employees Who Experience Stress and Trauma
Meal Breaks for Security Staff
Correctional Officer Staffing Levels
Correctional Officer Salaries
Nursing Staff Salaries
Distribution of Overtime
Inspections of Detention Facilities and Holding Cells
Efforts to Improve Staff Retention
Earning Exemptions for Retired Correctional Officers
No Time Limits for Issuing Corrective Actions
Analysis of Security Staff Separations
Exit Survey Data

Chapter 3: Inmates
Classification System
  Programs for Inmates
  Security Threat Groups
  Placement of Mentally Ill Inmates
  Use of Force in SCDC Facilities
  Moving inmates to Private or Out-of-State Institutions
  Inmate Sentences
  SCDC and PPP
  Issue for Further Study - Criteria for Parole

Chapter 4: Policy Review and Compliance Issues
External Policy Reviews
  Efforts to Control Contraband
  Issues with Contraband Detection and Prevention
  Staff Not Following Agency Policies
  Criminal Penalties for Introducing Contraband into Correctional Facilities
  Federal PREA Regulations
  Inadequate Application of Internal Controls for Detecting and Preventing Contraband
  Inadequate Policy Update Process
  Institutional Post Orders Not Archived
  Victim’s Rights Not Afforded to Inmates

Chapter 5: Data Issues and Litigation Costs
Data Reliability Issues
  Consistency and Transparency of Data Reporting
  Contraband and Assault Statistics
  Calculation of Vacancy Rates
  Litigation Costs
Deputy Director Lindsay, and other auditor team members, respond to members’ questions about the audit.

III. Ad hoc subcommittee Chairman Tallon reminds agency personnel previously sworn in that they remain under oath. Department of Corrections Director Bryan Stirling and other agency representatives make brief remarks pertaining to the agency’s response to the audit. The agency’s written response is appended to the audit. Director Stirling and other agency representatives respond to members’ questions.

IV. The meeting is adjourned.