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Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

11:00 am

Blatt Room 110

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Edward R. Tallon, Sr., on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Subcommittee, except Representative Katie Arrington, were present for either all or a portion of the meeting.

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 Johnson makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the prior Subcommittee meetings.

| Rep. Johnson's motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2018, meeting: | Yea | Nay | Not Voting (Absent) |
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| Rep. Arrington | | | ✓ |
| Rep. Hixon | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Johnson | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Tallon | ✓ | | |

Discussion of the Commission on Indigent Defense

- I. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains a purpose of the meeting today is for the agency to present information about its Office of Circuit Public Defenders. Another purpose is for Ms. Margaret Gressens, Research Director for the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, who lead the North Carolina System Evaluation Project, to present information on research and performance measures that may be utilized by public defenders and contract attorneys who represent indigent defendants.
- II. Subcommittee Chairman Tallon swears in the following agency personnel:
 - a. 1st Circuit Public Defender Mark Leiendecker,
 - i. Calhoun, Dorchester, and Orangeburg counties
 - b. 2nd Circuit Public Defender De Grant Gibbons,
 - i. Aiken, Bamberg, and Barnwell counties
 - c. 3rd Circuit Public Defender Jack D. Howle, Jr.,
 - i. Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties
 - d. 4th Circuit Public Defender Matt Rivers,
 - i. Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, and Marlboro counties
 - e. 5th Circuit Public Defender Fielding Pringle,
 - i. Kershaw and Richland counties
 - f. 6th Circuit Public Defender Mike Lifsey,
 - i. Chester, Fairfield, and Lancaster counties
 - g. 7th Circuit Public Defender Clay T. Allen,
 - i. Cherokee and Spartanburg counties
 - h. 8th Circuit Public Defender Janna A. Nelson,

- i. Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, and Newberry counties
 - i. 9th Circuit Public Defender D. Ashley Pennington,
 - i. Charleston and Berkeley counties
 - j. 10th Circuit Public Defender Jennifer L. Johnson,
 - i. Anderson and Oconee counties
 - k. 11th Circuit Public Defender Robert M. Madsen,
 - i. Edgefield, McCormick, and Saluda counties
 - l. 12th Circuit Public Defender Scott Floyd,
 - i. Florence and Marion counties
 - m. 13th Circuit Public Defender Christopher D. Scalzo,
 - i. Greenville and Pickens counties
 - n. 14th Circuit Public Defender Stephanie Smart-Gittings,
 - i. Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties
 - o. 14th Circuit Deputy Public Defender Lauren Carroway,
 - p. 15th Circuit Public Defender Orrie E. West,
 - i. Georgetown and Horry counties
 - q. 16th Circuit Public Defender Harry A. Dest, and
 - i. Union and York counties
 - r. Ms. Margaret Gressens, Research Director for the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services.
- III. Mr. Hugh Ryan, Executive Director of the S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense, testifies about the Office of Circuit Public Defenders, a division of the agency. Members ask questions, which Mr. Ryan answers.
- IV. Each circuit public defender testifies about the number of attorneys in their office, salary range, and staff evaluations, if any are conducted. Members ask questions, which the circuit public defender's answer.
- V. Ms. Margaret Gressens testifies about performance measures in general and indicators that may be utilized to measure the performance of indigent defense systems, which resulted from the N.C. Systems Evaluation Project's work with four pilot sites around the country (i.e., Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services, statewide agency; Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office in Tennessee, county public defender office; North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, statewide agency; and Travis County Court Administration in Texas, county oversight agency) over a two and a half year period. Members ask questions, which Ms. Gressens answers. Also, Mr. Ryan asks questions which Ms. Gressens answers.
- III. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.