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### **Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee**

Thursday, February 16, 2017

1:30pm

Blatt Room 108

#### **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 Thursday, February 16, 2017, in Room 108 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present during the meeting: Chairman Tallon, Representative Kathrine Arrington, Representative William M. Hixon, and Representative J. Todd Rutherford

#### **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 Rutherford made a motion regarding meeting minutes.

Rep. Rutherford’s motion to update the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes with the names of the current committee members and approve the minutes from February 7, 2017:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		

**Discussion of the Department of Juvenile Justice**

- I. Chairman Tallon opened the floor to questions from Subcommittee members about the updated chart, provided by the agency, related to implementation of the Legislative Audit Council recommendations. Members asked questions, which agency personnel answered.
- II. Chairman Tallon swore in constituent Thomas Williams. Mr. Williams provided testimony to the Subcommittee. Members asked questions, which Mr. Williams answered.
- III. Representatives from DJJ were then given an opportunity to respond to the comments, but said no response was needed.
- IV. Chairman Tallon asked Director Pough to provide a brief summary of the information in DJJ’s February 14, 2017 letter to the Subcommittee. Director Pough provided the summary. Members asked questions, which Director Pough and other representatives from the agency answered.
- V. Chairman Tallon directed staff to update the Subcommittee Study Report and provide a copy to all subcommittee members by Friday, February 24, 2017. He stated the deadline for members to include a written statement with the Report, as permitted by Standard Practice 12.4, was 5:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2017. He stated this would be the final Subcommittee meeting to study DJJ, and he would provide notice to the Full Committee that the Subcommittee Study is available for consideration, unless he receives a written request for another meeting from a Subcommittee Member prior to 5:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2017.

VI. Multiple motions related to the study of the Department of Juvenile Justice were made throughout the meeting. The motions, and vote tallies, are included below.

Rep. Hixon's motion that the Subcommittee include a recommendation in the subcommittee study that PEBA perform an analysis of employees on the retirement systems at DJJ to determine if employees are assigned to the correct system (e.g. SCRS, PORS, etc.)	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford			NP
Rep. Tallon	✓		

Rep. Arrington's motion that the Subcommittee include the following findings in the Subcommittee Study: (1) As a result of the efforts of the House, Senate, Governor's Office, State Inspector General, Legislative Audit Council, and Agency personnel, the agency has made many changes to try and improve since February 2015. The list of these changes are included in the 17 pages provided by the agency. (2) The agency is continuing to make changes, seeking improvement. (3) Since there is an inherit risk in what the agency is tasked to do, there is no guarantee the changes already made, or those planned to be made, will prevent all future potential harm or solve all issues at the agency; and (4) The Subcommittee respects all of the men and women who are employed and volunteer with the agency, that continue to dedicate themselves to the honorable, and very important, mission of rehabilitating juveniles.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford			NP
Rep. Tallon	✓		

VI. The meeting was adjourned.