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Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Tuesday, January 31st, 2017
9:00am
Blatt Room 108

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Attendance

I.   The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chairman Eddie Tallon at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 31st, 2017, in Room 108 of the Blatt Building. The following members of the Subcommittee were present during the meeting: Chairman Tallon, Representative Katie Arrington, Representative Bill Hixon, and Representative 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 Arrington moved to approve the minutes from the January 26th, 2017 Subcommittee meeting.

Rep. Arrington's motion to approve the minutes from January 26th, 2017:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Present)	Not Voting (Absent)
Rep. Arrington	✓			
Rep. Hixon	✓			
Rep. Tallon	✓			
Rep. Rutherford				✓

Discussion of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS)

I. Chairman Tallon provided a background on the studies of the agencies. He then opened the floor to questions and topics Subcommittee members would like to discuss with the agencies at the next meeting with each agency.

II. Topics mentioned by Subcommittee Members for discussion at the next meeting with DJJ included, but was not limited to, the following:
   a. Legislative Audit Council recommendations and the agency's implementation schedule;
   b. Transportation of juveniles;
   c. Case Management;
   d. Alternative Placements; and
   e. Personnel.

III. Topics mentioned by Subcommittee Members for discussion at the next meeting with DPS included, but was not limited to, the following:
   a. Grants and the agency's process for applying for grants;
   b. Fatalities and Trooper activity;
   c. Booklets for grieving families;
   d. Drug testing of agency employees;
   e. Laptops and technology;
   f. Essentials to operate the agency;
   g. Dispatch staffing;

h.　Statistics relating to Trooper certification removal requests;
　　　i.　Video review policies; and
　　　j.　Remediation of Troopers.

IV.　Multiple motions related to DJJ and DPS were made at the meeting. The motions and their vote tallies are given below.

Rep. Arrington's motion that the Subcommittee Study include a recommendation in the Subcommittee Study that DJJ provide a footnote when it provides any type of data or statistics to members of the House of Representatives, or others. In this footnote, the agency explain (1) the source of the information, (2) the specific parameters of what the individual was searching for, if it was a search of manual documents, or what the computer was searching, if it was a search or report from SCEIS or any other database; and (3) any other contextual information about how information is stored at the agency or in the database that would assist the end reader (i.e. if individuals who separate from the agency one week are still included as employed for the next two weeks because they are paid in arrears, etc.).	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford	✓		

Rep. Rutherford's motion to check with Human Resources at DJJ to see if the active employee who came and testified before the Subcommittee is still employed and at the conclusion of the study to send her a special letter of appreciation for her time sacrificed as an active employee.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford	✓		

Rep. Hixon's motion to include a recommendation in the Subcommittee Study that DPS revisit its policy which automatically disqualifies job applicants with visible tattoos so as to allow applicants who are willing to cover their tattoos, to continue to move through the application process. Base on other law enforcement agencies revisiting this type of policy.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford	✓		

Rep. Arrington's motion that the Subcommittee include a recommendation in the Subcommittee study that DPS update its audio/ visual monitor report to include a section where the supervisor states the reason the supervisor is reviewing the video and the information in the report be tracked in the activity console.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford	✓		

Rep. Rutherford's motion to approve the recommendations for DJJ and DPS adopted by the Subcommittee during the previous General assembly.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Arrington	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Tallon	✓		
Rep. Rutherford	✓		

V.   The meeting was adjourned.