

## MINUTES HOUSE AND SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

10:00 AM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

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Committee members present: Senators Gary Stubblefield, Chair; Alan Clark, and Matt McKee; Representatives Carol Dalby, Chair; Stan Berry, Vice-Chair; Andrew Collins, Cameron Cooper, Jimmy Gazaway, Tippi McCullough, Milton Nicks, Jr., Shad Pearce, Jay Richardson, Marcus E. Richmond, Jamie Scott, and Kendon Underwood

Other members present: Senators Kim Hammer and Fredrick Love; Representatives Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Lanny Fite, Vivian Flowers, DeAnna Hodges, Grant Hodges, David Ray, and Johnny Rye

Representative Dalby called the meeting to order.

### **Consideration to Approve the September 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]**

Representative Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Nicks, Jr., and the motion carried.

### **Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committee**

Representative Richmond made a motion to authorize chairs to approve special expenses incurred by the committee, seconded by Representative Scott, and the motion carried.

### **Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) [Exhibits D1-D6]**

Representative Scott made a motion to adopt the ISPs. Without objection, the ISPs were adopted for study.

### **Adoption and Discussion of ISP 2023-050 – To Create the Offense of Aggravated Assault Against a Public Transit Employee [Exhibit E]**

Representative DeAnne Hodges, District 9; Joel Gardner, Executive Director, Ozark Regional Transit Authority; Adam Waddell, Director of Razorback Transit, University of Arkansas; Ken Savage, Transit Director, City of Fort Smith Transit Department; and Bob McMahan, Prosecutor Coordinator, Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator; discussed aggravated assault and the risks public transit employees encounter on the job.

Senator Clark made a motion to adopt the ISP, seconded by Senator Stubblefield, and the motion carried.

### **Adoption and Discussion of ISP 2023-092—To Streamline Modification of Child Support When a Payor is Released from Incarceration; and to Facilitate a Recently Incarcerated Parent’s Prompt Payment Toward the Support of His or Her Minor Child [Exhibits F1-F2]**

Representative Lanny Fite, District 83; Selena Davis, Citizen; and Barbara Morris-Williams, Administrator/IV-D Director, Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration, Office of Child Support Enforcement Division; discussed child support payments from an incarcerated parent.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.