

EXHIBIT B

**MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS**

**Meeting Jointly
Monday, December 19, 2022
1:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senator David Wallace, Chair; Representatives Charlene Fite, Chair; Sonia Eubanks Barker, Vice Chair; Mary Bentley, Mark H. Berry, Keith Brooks, Craig Christiansen, Joe Cloud, Marsh Davis, Tony Furman, Ashley Hudson, Julie Mayberry, Rick McClure, Joy Springer, and Danny Watson

Other members present: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Trent Garner, Kim Hammer and Larry Teague; Representatives Fred Allen, Stan Berry, Cameron Copper, Gary Deffenbaugh, Denise Ennett, Jon S. Eubanks, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Vivian Flowers, Justin Gonzales, Jack Ladyman, Fredrick Love, Austin McCullough, David Ray, Johnny Rye, Jamie Scott, Keith Slape, Dwight Tosh, and Member-elect Matt Duffield

Representative Fite called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2022, Meeting [EXHIBIT B]

Representative Bentley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Furman, and the motion carried.

Presentation of Every Child Arkansas [EXHIBIT C]

Phillip Goad, Senior Advisor, More Than Enough, gave an update regarding the low numbers of foster families and the limited amount of resources that are provided to those families. The programs goal is to get as much support from other advocates, churches, organizations for children, families, and youth aging out of foster care.

Presentation of the Number of Children in Division of Youth Services (DYS) Facilities and Education Program [EXHIBIT D]

Michael Crump, Director, DYS, Department of Human Services, presented an overview of the number of children that were placed in DYS residential homes and the amount of children that have returned to aftercare in the past five years.

Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services [EXHIBITS E1-E6]

Mischa Martin, Director, Division of Children and Family Services, presented the following reports; Garrett's Law Referrals Data and Summary; Annual Report Card for the State Fiscal Year of 2022; Quarterly Performance Report from July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022; and the Biannual Overturned Investigations Report.

Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division (CACD), Quarterly Performance Report, July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022 [EXHIBIT F]

Major Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD, reviewed the quarterly report detailing the types of child abuse calls that were received as well as the numbers which were substantiated.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.