

EXHIBIT B3

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**SENATE AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON STATE AGENCIES AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

AND

**SENATE AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY
MEETING JOINTLY**

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

The Senate and House Interim Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs met jointly with the Senate and House Interim Committees on Judiciary on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Corrections, Cummins/Varner Unit Training Center in Varner, Arkansas.

Members in Attendance

Committee members in attendance: Senator Eddie Joe Williams, Chair; Representatives Rick Beck, Camille Bennett, Douglas House, Rebecca Petty, Sue Scott, Brent Talley, and Dwight Tosh.

Non-Committee members in attendance: Representative Mark McElroy.

Senator Williams called the meeting to order.

Continuation of Tour of Cummins/Varner Farm Operations

Davey Farabough, Farm Administrator, Arkansas Department of Correction, continued the farm tour at the processing facilities. The committee toured the poultry farm where there are three layer houses and one pullet house. Department of Corrections packages an average of 100,000 eggs per day and the eggs are processed and packaged into 30 dozen cases for shipment. Davey Farabough gave an overview of the row crops. He stated that row crops follow a strict crop rotation and fertilization program and are chosen based on market and rotational needs. There are about 785 acres of vegetables produced throughout the prison system. Mr. Farabough stated at the dairy farm there are 369 head in the dairy herd at this time, in which 130 cows are on the milking line each day. The dairy count is on track to produce 1,600 gallons of milk every other day by the end of December and 2,400 gallons every other day by the end of next spring with plans on milking 200-250 cows daily.

In addition, Senator Eddie Joe Williams discussed the advantages utilize abandoned school buildings in the state for Department of Correction facilitating needs. Mike Caraway, Assistant Director stated as of November 2015 there are a total of 551 Department of Correction vacancies statewide and there would not be an adequate amount of qualified people in the workforce to staff any new facility. The committee further discussed farming duties and needs of the Department of Corrections. Senator Williams requested a performance audit report to summarized ADC's farm operations.

Discussion and Review of Policies and Procedures Regarding Act 99 of 2015-An Act Concerning Victims' Rights in Capital Punishment Cases; To Be known as "Andie's Law"

Dr. Mary Parker-Reed, Vice-Chair, Board of Corrections and Wendy Kelley reviewed and discussed the department's execution policies and procedures and the process of implementing "Andie's Law."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.