

## MINUTES

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

Monday, December 14, 2020

11:00 am

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

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Committee members present: Senators Bart Hester, Chair; Alan Clark, Gary Stubblefield, David Wallace; Representatives Charlene Fite, Chair; Cindy Crawford, Bryan Evans, Denise Garner, Jasen Kelly, Tippi McCullough, Jay Richardson, Stu Smith, Joy Springer, Danny Watson, and Jim Wooten

Other members present: Senator Lance Eads; Representatives Stan Berry, Jim Dotson, Dan Douglas, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, Marsh Davis, and Johnny Rye

Senator Hester called the meeting to order.

#### **Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 2020, Meeting [Exhibit C]**

Representative Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Fite, and the motion carried.

#### **Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Review of Rule – Adoption Policies and Procedures Updates [Exhibit D]**

Kristin Harper, Assistant Director, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), DHS; and Mischa Martin, Director, DCFS, DHS, reviewed the revised rules updating policies and procedures related to adoption. Without objection, the rule stands reviewed.

#### **Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services – Quarterly Performance Report, July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 [Exhibit E]**

Mischa Martin, Director, DCFS, DHS, reviewed the First Quarterly Performance Report which included statistics of hotline calls as well as foster care cases.

#### **Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services – Biannual Overturned Investigations Report [Exhibit F]**

Mischa Martin, Director, DCFS, DHS, reviewed the Overturned Investigations Report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.