

REPORT OF THE  
CHARITABLE, PENAL AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

September 20, 2019

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Senator Bledsoe and Representative Wardlaw:

The Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee met jointly with the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and the House and Senate Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at the Department of Correction – Cummins Unit. The Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

1. An overview of Arkansas Prison Seminaries Program from Dubs Byers, Board of Corrections and Former Senator Eddie Joe Williams;
2. Presentation of the Restore Hope Arkansas Program from Paul Chapman, Director Restore Hope Arkansas;
3. Update on Facility Security and Contraband Interdiction Efforts by Dexter Payne, Director, Division of Correction; and
4. Discussion of Parole/Probation Officer Caseloads by Kevin Murphy, Director, Division of Community Correction.

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Gary Stubblefield and Representative David Fielding