

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

April 22, 2022

Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw:

The Charitable, Penal, and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee met jointly with the House & Senate Judiciary Committees on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in Room A, MAC.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from Solomon Graves, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Corrections; Dexter Payne, Director, Division of Correction; and Jerry Bradshaw, Director, Division of Community Correction on prison populations, recidivism statistics, and reentry programs. Ms. Wendy Ware, President of JFA Associates, presented an updated population projection for Arkansas prisons through the year 2031; and Ms. Ruby Welch discussed practical solutions for reducing recidivism.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Gary Stubblefield, Co-Chair

Representative David Fielding, Co-Chair