

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

APRIL 16, 2010

Mr. Chairmen:

The Charitable, Penal & Correctional Institutions Subcommittee met Wednesday, April 14, 2010, in Room 171 of the State Capitol. Meeting with the subcommittee were representatives from the Governor's Office, the Board of Corrections and the Departments of Correction and Community Correction for continued discussion of Interim Study Proposal 2009-197, to study the stabilization of Arkansas's increasing inmate population in efforts to curtail future growth.

Two reports were presented, the first provided by Senator Glover entitled "The Arkansas Department of Correction Recidivism and Overcrowding 2010" and secondly "State by State: Controlling the Increasing Cost of Corrections" presented by Kristen Sharp, Bureau of Legislative Research.

Dina Tyler with the Department of Correction announced that Arkansas had been chosen for participation in the *Public Safety Performance Project* by the Pew Research Center. Pew, along with the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the Vera Institute of Justice and in coordination with both Departments, will evaluate the correctional system in Arkansas. Findings and policy recommendations will be presented when available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Bobby Glover, Co-Chair

Representative Adcock, Co-Chair