

EXHIBIT B.2

MINUTES

HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY

October 31, 2016

The House and Senate Interim Committees on Judiciary met at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, October 31, 2016, in Room B-MAC, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Committee members present: Representatives Matthew Shepherd, Chair; Rick Beck, Camille Bennett, R. Trevor Drown, Douglas House, Sue Scott, Brent Talley, Dwight Tosh, and John Vines; Senators Linda Collins-Smith, Vice Chair; and Linda Chesterfield.

Representative Shepherd called the meeting to order.

Discussion of Proposed Rules by the Arkansas State Police (ASP) (Exhibits B.1, B.2, & B.3)

Major Lindsey Williams, Regulatory & Building Operations Services Division Commander, ASP, Sergeant Michael Moyer, Regulatory & Building Operations Services Section Administrator, ASP, and Ms. Mary McLaurin, Attorney, ASP, provided a brief history on the proposed rule changes regarding the licensing and regulations for private investigators, private security agencies, alarm system companies, polygraph examiners, and voice stress analysis examiners. Due to the inconsistencies in the licensing process, the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security was abolished in 2015, and duties were transferred to the ASP. The ASP has worked with legislators to clarify the changes made to Acts 10 and 11 of the Third Extraordinary Session of 2016, which requires them to promulgate new rules identifying disqualifying offenses and to define supervisions of new employees. Additional changes and corrections have been added to facilitate the administration of licensing and regulation.

After discussion by members, Representative Shepherd stated the proposed rules have been reviewed by the committees and no formal action is necessary.

Review of the Inmate Health Records Policy by the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC)

Ms. Wendy Kelley, Director, ADC, Mr. Jim DePriest, Chief Legal Counsel, ADC, and Mr. Rory Griffin, Deputy Director, Health and Correctional Programs, ADC, gave a brief explanation of changes made to the inmate health records policy. Mr. DePriest said changes will require the Arkansas Board of Corrections to consider changing their rule, which currently prevents the broad disclosure of inmate medical records beyond the scope of the law. The ADC has worked on a plan to allow disclosure of inmate medical records if the inmate signs a release form that designates or identifies an individual to receive the medical records. Regarding the notification of an inmate's family upon the occurrence of a serious injury or death, the ADC has reviewed their policies and believe that they are appropriate. Regarding the Vine Information and Notification (VINE) system, the ADC does not operate VINE except for emergencies. Moreover, VINE is administered through the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC), which monitors the custody status of offenders in county jails, ADC and probationers/parolees as well as court information from the Prosecuting Attorney's Offices. Representative Shepherd would like to see ADC work with ACIC to flag the automated notifications that go out if an inmate's transfer is based on an illness or death. This will allow ADC or ACIC to contact the family. Ms. Kelley noted that ADC does not give out information until an individual signs up for VINE.

Representative Shepherd announced the next Criminal Justice Task Force meeting will be held in December.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.