

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS
Meeting Jointly
Friday, October 7, 2022
10:00 AM
39th Brigade Headquarters, Camp Robinson
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Breanne Davis and Bart Hester; Representatives Charlene Fite, Chair, Mary Bentley, Mark H. Berry, Craig Christiansen, Joe Cloud, Cindy Crawford, Marsh Davis, Tony Furman, Denise Garner, Ashley Hudson, Julie Mayberry, and Joy Springer

Other members present: Senator Kim Hammer; Representatives Jim Dotson, Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Fredrick J. Love, Aaron Pilkington, and Johnny Rye

Representative Fite called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the September 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes [EXHIBIT B]

Without objection the minutes were approved.

Review and Discussion of the Draft Report on Reducing the Number of Children in Foster Care [EXHIBIT C]

Blake Gilliam, Legislative Analyst II, Bureau of Legislative Research, discussed the Draft Report on Reducing the Number of Children in Foster Care.

Review of National Guard 101 Briefing

Colonel Scott Stanger, Chief of Staff, Department of the Military, and Major General Kendall W. Penn, Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard, gave an overview of the Arkansas National Guard.

Discussion of the Youth Challenge Program

Colonel Scott Stanger, Chief of Staff, Department of the Military, led a discussion on the Youth Challenge Program; a program which offers a chance for children to earn their High School Diploma and turn their lives around.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.