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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ward Loyd at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2003, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters - Office of the Revisor Mitch Rice - Office of the Revisor Jerry Ann Donaldson - Legislative Research Department Martha Dorsey - Legislative Research Department Nicoletta Buonasera - Legislative Research Department Bev Renner - Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Pat Scalia, Executive Director–State Board of Indigents' Defense Services Denise Everhart, Acting Commissioner–Juvenile Justice Authority

HB 2121 - Application fee imposed on defendant entitled to indigent defense services.

Chairperson Ward Loyd opened the hearing on HB 2121.

Pat Scalia, Executive Director of the State Board of Indigents' Defense Services, was welcomed to the committee to speak from a neutral position about <u>HB 2121</u>. Current law charges an assessment fee at the conclusion of a case to be charged to defendants for services from Indigents' Defense Services. This bill would allow assessment of \$50 at commencement of a case as an application fee when defendants have money for bail. The bill submitted to the Senate asks for a \$100 fee.

Chairperson Ward Loyd closed the hearing on HB 2121.

HB 2314 - Kansas juvenile correctional complex.

Chairperson Ward Loyd opened the hearing on **HB 2314**.

Denise Everhart, Acting Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority appeared in support of HB 2314 (Attachment 1). This bill establishes the language to make the new Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex subject to the same statutes, rules and regulations as the other facilities operating under the authority of the Commissioner. There is a typographical error on page 8 that needs correction. The term "commission" is used when "commissioner" would be proper.

Chairperson Ward Loyd closed the hearing on HB 2314.

HB 2315 - Juvenile correctional services grants, paid quarterly instead of semiannually.

Chairperson Ward Loyd opened the hearing on HB 2315.

Denise Everhart, Acting Commissioner, JJA spoke in support of <u>HB 2315</u> (<u>Attachment 2</u>). The bill would amend current law to change the schedule of grant payments to quarterly, rather than semi-annually. This would provide an additional measure of control and oversight of the graduated sanctions programs that are funded; including intake and assessment and community corrections funds. Reports are filed quarterly, not semi-annually.

Chairperson Ward Loyd closed the hearing on HB 2315.

HB 2308 - Medical records of juvenile offenders treatment at a treatment facility available to commissioner of juvenile justice.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2003, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Chairperson Loyd opened the hearing on HB 2308.

Acting Commissioner Denise Everhart, JJA appeared once more before the committee in support of <u>HB</u> <u>2308</u> (<u>Attachment 3</u>). This bill will provide authority for juvenile correctional facilities to access medical records, including psychiatric records, of juvenile offenders committed to the juvenile correctional facilities. Two statutes will be amended; one, to add a state hospital to the list of exceptions and allow the head of a state hospital to make the determination to release the records, and, the second, adds an exception for juvenile offenders in the custody of the Juvenile Justice Authority when the information is requested by the Commissioner.

Chairperson Loyd closed the hearing on HB 2308.

HB 2314 - Kansas juvenile correctional complex.

Representative Nile Dillmore made a motion to offer the amendment requested to change "commission" to "commissioner". Seconded by Representative Eric Carter. The motion carried.

Representative Nile Dillmore made a motion to pass **HB 2314** favorably for passage. Representative Eric Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2315 - Juvenile correctional services grants, paid quarterly instead of semiannually.

Representative Deena Horst made a motion to move **HB 2315** favorably for passage. Representative Eric Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

<u>HB 2308</u> - Medical records of juvenile offenders treatment at a treatment facility available to commissioner of juvenile justice.

<u>Vice-Chairperson Tim Owens made a motion to move **HB 2308** favorable for passage. Representative Donald Betts seconded the motion. The motion carried.</u>

HB 2312 - Time limitations for defendant to be brought promptly to trial.

Representative Eric Carter made a motion to report **HB 2312** favorably for passage. Representative Deena Horst seconded the motion.

After discussion of conflicts between scheduling and judicial resources and the problems presented when defendants are in need of competency assessments, the motion failed; 6 for and 10 against.

Representative Sydney Carlin made a motion to reconsider **HB 2312**. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Tim Owens. The motion carried.

Vice Chairperson Tim Owens made a motion to amend **HB 2312** to include language to indicate the extension of time would be 90 days minus incarceration time before incompetency assessment. The motion was seconded by Representative Sydney Carlin.

Revisor Jill Wolters addressed the proposed amendment by adding, after 5(a) and (b) insert comma, minus number of days defendant was held in jail prior to such finding.

<u>Vice-Chairperson Tim Owens closed on his motion.</u> The result was in doubt. The Chairperson asked for a show of hands; 10 for and 5 against. The motion carried

Representative Nile Dillmore made a motion to pass **HB 2312** favorably as amended. Representative Kevin Yoder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2003, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is February 20, 2003.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY
DENISE L. EVERHART, ACTING COMMISSIONER

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

HOUSE CORRECTIONS & JUVENILE JUSTICE COMM ITTEE JANUARY 29, 2003

Testimony on House Bill 2314

This bill is requested to establish the new Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex and subject the facility to the same statutes, rules and regulations as all other facilities operating under the authority of the Commissioner.

Appropriations were made during the 2000 session to build the facility and JJA is planning to occupy it in fiscal year 2004. The appropriations for the facility became necessary based upon the increasingly violent characteristics of the juvenile populations, the projected increase in the juvenile correctional facility population through 2007 and the need for a diagnostic and classification center.

The new 225-bed complex will provide 150 beds for offenders who meet maximum security level classification needs, 60 beds for classification and diagnostics services for all new admissions to the JCF system, and a 15 bed infirmary for offenders needing long-term overnight medical care,. A total of 200 beds for male juvenile offenders will be added to the system.

The agency currently has a bed capacity of 435 for male offenders. Our average daily population today is 446. It is expected to continue to increase reaching 574 by fiscal 2007.

The facility will operate with a staff of approximately 224 FTE plus some contract personnel.

The bill itself would simply add the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex to the facilities operated by the Juvenile Justice Authority and add its name anytime the juvenile correctional facilities are listed by name to ensure clarity when budgeting and operating the facilities.

There is a typographical error on page 8 of the bill and I have attached a proposed amendment to correct this.

I respectfully request passage of this bill.

Denise L. Everhart Acting Commissioner

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HOUSE BILL No. 2314

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning the juvenile justice authority; relating to the Kansas juvenile correctional complex; amending K.S.A. 38-1602, 72-978, 74-5344 and 76-3201 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-3765 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 75-52,143.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established, as a separate institution, the Kansas juvenile correctional complex. Any reference in the laws of this state to a juvenile correctional facility or institution as defined in K.S.A. 38-1602, and amendments thereto, shall be construed as also referring to the Kansas juvenile correctional complex.

(b) The commissioner of juvenile justice shall have the management and control of the Kansas juvenile correctional complex.

- (c) The superintendent of the Kansas juvenile correctional complex shall remit all moneys received by or for the superintendent from charges and other operations of such institution to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas juvenile correctional complex fee fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by such superintendent or by a person or persons designated by the superintendent.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-1602 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-1602. As used in this code, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Juvenile" means a person 10 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age.
- (b) "Juvenile offender" means a person who commits an offense while a juvenile which if committed by an adult would constitute the commission of a felony or misdemeanor as defined by K.S.A. 21-3105, and amendments thereto, or who violates the provisions of K.S.A. 21-4204a or K.S.A. 41-727 or subsection (j) of K.S.A. 74-8810; and amendments thereto, but does not include:
 - (1) A person 14 or more years of age who commits a traffic offense,

as defined in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-2117, and amendments thereto;

- (2) a person 16 years of age or over who commits an offense defined in chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated;
 - (3) a person under 18 years of age who previously has been:
- (A) Convicted as an adult under the Kansas code of criminal procedure;
- (B) sentenced as an adult under the Kansas code of criminal procedure following termination of status as an extended jurisdiction juvenile pursuant to K.S.A. 38-16,126, and amendments thereto: or
- (C) convicted or sentenced as an adult in another state or foreign jurisdiction under substantially similar procedures described in K.S.A. 38-1636, and amendments thereto, or because of attaining the age of majority designated in that state or jurisdiction.
- (c) "Parent," when used in relation to a juvenile or a juvenile offender, includes a guardian, conservator and every person who is by law liable to maintain, care for or support the juvenile.
- (d) "Law enforcement officer" means any person who by virtue of that person's office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for crimes, whether that duty extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes.
- (e) "Youth residential facility" means any home, foster home or structure which provides twenty-four-hour-a-day care for juveniles and which is licensed pursuant to article 5 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.
- (f) "Juvenile detention facility" means any secure public or private facility which is used for the lawful custody of accused or adjudicated juvenile offenders and which shall not be a jail.
- (g) "Juvenile correctional facility" means a facility operated by the commissioner for juvenile offenders.
- (h) "Warrant" means a written order by a judge of the court directed to any law enforcement officer commanding the officer to take into custody the juvenile named or described therein.
 - (i) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of juvenile justice.
 - (j) "Jail" means:
 - (1) An adult jail or lockup; or
- (2) a facility in the same building as an adult jail or lockup, unless the facility meets all applicable licensure requirements under law and there is (A) total separation of the juvenile and adult facility spatial areas such that there could be no haphazard or accidental contact between juvenile and adult residents in the respective facilities; (B) total separation in all juvenile and adult program activities within the facilities, including recreation, education, counseling, health care, dining, sleeping, and general living activities; and (C) separate juvenile and adult staff, including man-

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agement, security staff and direct care staff such as recreational, educational and counseling.

(k) "Court-appointed special advocate" means a responsible adult, other than an attorney appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1606 and amendments thereto, who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child, as provided in K.S.A. 38-1606a, and amendments thereto, in a proceeding pursuant to this code.

(l) "Juvenile intake and assessment worker" means a responsible adult authorized to perform intake and assessment services as part of the intake and assessment system established pursuant to K.S.A. 75-7023, and

amendments thereto.

(m) "Institution" means the following institutions: The Kansas juvenile correctional complex, the Atchison juvenile correctional facility, the Beloit juvenile correctional facility, the Larned juvenile correctional facility and the Topeka juvenile correctional facility.

- (n) "Sanctions house" means a facility which is operated or structured so as to ensure that all entrances and exits from the facility are under the exclusive control of the staff of the facility, whether or not the person being detained has freedom of movement within the perimeters of the facility, or which relies on locked rooms and buildings, fences, or physical restraint in order to control the behavior of its residents. Upon an order from the court, a licensed juvenile detention facility may serve as a sanctions house.
- (o) "Sentencing risk assessment tool" means an instrument administered to juvenile offenders which delivers a score, or group of scores, describing, but not limited to describing, the juvenile's potential risk to the community.
- (p) "Educational institution" means all schools at the elementary and secondary levels.
- (q) "Educator" means any administrator, teacher or other professional or paraprofessional employee of an educational institution who has exposure to a pupil specified in subsection (a)(1) through (5) of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 72-89b03, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-978 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-978. (a) (1) In each school year, in accordance with appropriations for special education and related services provided under this act, each school district which has provided special education and related services in compliance with the provisions of this act shall be entitled to receive:
- (A) Reimbursement for actual travel allowances paid to special teachers at not to exceed the rate specified under K.S.A. 75-3203, and amendments thereto, for each mile actually traveled during the school year in connection with duties in providing special education or related services for exceptional children; such reimbursement shall be computed by the

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state board by ascertaining the actual travel allowances paid to special teachers by the school district for the school year and shall be in an amount equal to 80% of such actual travel allowances;

(B) reimbursement in an amount equal to 80% of the actual travel expenses incurred for providing transportation for exceptional children to special education or related services; such reimbursement shall not be paid if such child has been counted in determining the transportation weighting of the district under the provisions of the school district finance and quality performance act;

(C) reimbursement in an amount equal to 80% of the actual expenses incurred for the maintenance of an exceptional child at some place other than the residence of such child for the purpose of providing special education or related services; such reimbursement shall not exceed \$600 per exceptional child per school year; and

(D) except for those school districts entitled to receive reimbursement under subsection (b) or (c), after subtracting the amounts of reimbursement under paragraphs (A), (B) and (C) of this subsection (a) from the total amount appropriated for special education and related services under this act, an amount which bears the same proportion to the remaining amount appropriated as the number of full-time equivalent special teachers who are qualified to provide special education or related services to exceptional children and are employed by the school district for approved special education or related services bears to the total number of such qualified full-time equivalent special teachers employed by all school districts for approved special education or related services.

(2) Each special teacher who is qualified to assist in the provision of special education or related services to exceptional children shall be counted as ½ full-time equivalent special teacher who is qualified to provide special education or related services to exceptional children.

(b) Each school district which has paid amounts for the provision of special education and related services under an interlocal agreement shall be entitled to receive reimbursement under subsection (a)(1)(D). The amount of such reimbursement for the district shall be the amount which bears the same relation to the aggregate amount available for reimbursement for the provision of special education and related services under the interlocal agreement, as the amount paid by such district in the current school year for provision of such special education and related services bears to the aggregate of all amounts paid by all school districts in the current school year who have entered into such interlocal agreement for provision of such special education and related services.

(c) Each contracting school district which has paid amounts for the provision of special education and related services as a member of a cooperative shall be entitled to receive reimbursement under subsection

(a)(1)(D). The amount of such reimbursement for the district shall be the amount which bears the same relation to the aggregate amount available for reimbursement for the provision of special education and related services by the cooperative, as the amount paid by such district in the current school year for provision of such special education and related services bears to the aggregate of all amounts paid by all contracting school districts in the current school year by such cooperative for provision of such special education and related services.

(d) No time spent by a special teacher in connection with duties performed under a contract entered into by the Kansas juvenile correctional complex, the Atchison juvenile correctional facility, the Beloit juvenile correctional facility, the Larned juvenile correctional facility, or the Topeka juvenile correctional facility and a school district for the provision of special education services by such state institution shall be counted in making computations under this section.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 74-5344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5344. Nothing contained in the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas shall be construed: (a) To prevent qualified members of other professional groups such as, but not limited to, ministers, Christian Science practitioners, social workers and sociologists from doing work of a psychological nature consistent with their training and consistent with any code of ethics of their respective professions so long as they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words "psychologic," "psychological," "psychologist" or "psychology";

(b) in any way to restrict any person from carrying on any of the aforesaid activities in the free expression or exchange of ideas concerning the practice of psychology, the application of its principles, the teaching of such subject matter and the conducting of research on problems relating to human behavior if such person does not represent such person or such person's services in any manner prohibited by such act;

(c) to limit the practice of psychology of a licensed masters level psychologist or a person who holds a temporary license to practice as a licensed masters level psychologist insofar as such practice is a part of the duties of any such person's salaried position, and insofar as such practice is performed solely on behalf of such person's employer or insofar as such person is engaged in public speaking with or without remuneration;

(d) to limit the practice of psychology or services of a student, intern or resident in psychology pursuing a degree in psychology in a school, college, university or other institution, with educational standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas if such practice or services are supervised as a part of such person's degree program. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as permitting such persons

to offer their services as psychologists to any other person and to accept remuneration for such psychological services other than as specifically excepted herein, unless they have been licensed under the provisions of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, registered under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5371, inclusive, and amendments thereto or granted a temporary license under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5367 and amendments thereto;

- (e) to prevent the employment, by a person, association, partnership or a corporation furnishing psychological services for remuneration, of persons not licensed as psychologists under the provisions of such act to practice psychology if such persons work under the supervision of a psychologist or psychologists licensed under the provisions of such act and if such persons are not in any manner held out to the public as psychologists licensed under the provisions of the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, as registered under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5361 to 74-5371, inclusive, and amendments thereto or as holding a temporary license under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5367 and amendments thereto:
- (f) to restrict the use of tools, tests, instruments or techniques usually denominated "psychological" so long as the user does not represent oneself to be a licensed psychologist or a licensed masters level psychologist;
- (g) to permit persons licensed as psychologists to engage in the practice of medicine as defined in the laws of this state, nor to require such licensed psychologists to comply with the Kansas healing arts act;
- (h) to restrict the use of the term "social psychologist" by any person who has received a doctoral degree in sociology or social psychology from an institution whose credits in sociology or social psychology are acceptable by a school or college as defined in the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas, and who has passed comprehensive examination in the field of social psychology as a part of the requirements for the doctoral degree or has had equivalent specialized training in social psychology;
- (i) to restrict the practice of psychology by a person who is certified as a school psychologist by the state department of education so long as such practice is conducted as a part of the duties of employment by a unified school district or as part of an independent evaluation conducted in accordance with K.S.A. 72-963 and amendments thereto, including the use of the term "school psychologist" by such person in conjunction with such practice; or
- (j) to restrict the use of the term psychologist or the practice of psychology by psychologists not licensed under the licensure of psychologists act of the state of Kansas in institutions for the mentally retarded, in the a juvenile correctional facilities at Atchison, Beloit, Larned and Topeka

facility, as defined in K.S.A. 38-1602, and amendments thereto, or in institutions within the department of corrections insofar as such term is used or such practice of psychology is performed solely in conjunction with such person's employment by any such institution or juvenile correctional facility.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-3765 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-3765. (a) (1) The secretary of administration shall assign space and facilities in all state-owned or operated property or buildings in Shawnee county, Kansas, except the state capitol, Topeka correctional facility, the Kansas neurological institute, the *Topeka* juvenile correctional facility at Topeka, the Kansas juvenile correctional complex, the employment security administrative office building, 401 Topeka avenue, Kansas state employment service building, 1309 Topeka avenue, state highway shops and laboratory and property of the Kansas national guard for the use of the various state agencies. The secretary may determine, fix and establish a system of rental charges by the square foot and collect the same monthly for space and facilities occupied by each state agency whenever any appropriation for rental for space and facilities is made therefor, in an amount not to exceed the amount appropriated.

(2) The secretary of administration may assign space and facilities, establish a system of rental charges and collect rents for property and buildings owned or controlled by the department of administration in other parts of the state.

(3) The amounts collected under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be remitted by the secretary of administration to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state buildings operating fund or other funds of the department of administration as prescribed by the secretary of administration.

(4) On or before December 31 of each year, the secretary of administration shall present a report to the joint committee on state building construction concerning any actions taken by the secretary pursuant to authority granted to the secretary under this subsection. The report shall describe the action taken and the statutory authority authorizing such action.

(b) The secretary of administration shall require five-year building space utilization plans from all state agencies and develop a database of all state-owned or leased building and storage space. This database shall serve as the central repository of state-owned or leased building and storage space information. All changes made in the ownership or leasing status of all building space utilized by state agencies shall be reported to the secretary of administration and entered into this database. The da-

tabase shall include the actual and budgeted amount of money paid by state agencies for building and storage space. The database may include any other information related to the building space needs of the state as determined to be necessary by the secretary of administration.

All state agencies shall cooperate with requests for information concerning building space and storage space made by the secretary of administration and the secretary of admi

ministration or the secretary of administration's designee.

On or before December 31 of each year, the secretary of administration shall present a report of state-owned or leased building and storage space information to the joint committee on state building construction and shall provide notice at the same time to the secretary of the senate and to the chief clerk of the house of representatives that such report is available to members of the legislature.

(c) As used in this section, "state agencies" also shall include any

quasi-state agency.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 76-3201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-3201. On and after July 1, 1997, the commissioner shall appoint the superintendents of the Atchison juvenile correctional facility, the Beloit juvenile correctional facility, the Topeka juvenile correctional facility and the Larned juvenile correctional facility. On and after July 1, 2003, the commission shall appoint the superintendent of the Kansas juvenile correctional complex. Superintendents shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. A superintendent may be removed at any time by the commissioner. Each superintendent shall receive an annual salary fixed by the commissioner, with the approval of the governor. The commissioner may appoint an acting superintendent for any institution which has a superintendent to serve temporarily until a vacancy is filled. Acting superintendents shall have the same powers, duties and functions as superintendents.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 38-1602, 72-978, 74-5344, 75-52,143 and 76-3201 and K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-3765 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY
DENISE L. EVERHART, ACTING COMMISSIONER

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

HOUSE CORRECTIONS & JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 19, 2003

Testimony on House Bill 2315

This bill would amend the present wording in KSA 75-7050(a). The existing statute provides the Juvenile Justice Authority is to make 'semiannual grant payments' to counties (or group of counties organized pursuant to the statute). The amendment would require "quarterly grant payments."

The grants issued pursuant to this statute are the graduated sanctions grants including intake and assessment and community corrections funds.

Allowing the agency to make quarterly payments will provide the agency an additional measure of control and oversight of the programs that are funded by the Juvenile Justice Authority. With the assurance of more frequent contact will come more opportunity to ensure the counties' compliance with the conditions of the grants they have been awarded. More frequent contact will help all parties be more certain that fiscal and data report submissions meet both state standards and federal regulations. It will give us twice the opportunity to identify and respond to problems as they occur, allowing us to implement corrective action if needed.

Furthermore, the practice of making quarterly payments is consistent with JJA's distribution of federal grant payments including JAIBG and JJDP funds.

Amending KSA 75-7050(a) will assist the agency in ensuring effective management of funds. I respectfully request passage of this bill. Thank you for your consideration of this amendment.

Denise L. Everhart Acting Commissioner

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY
DENISE L. EVERHART, ACTING COMMISSIONER

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

HOUSE CORRECTIONS & JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 19, 2003

Testimony on House Bill 2308

This bill is required to provide authority for juvenile correctional facilities to access medical records, including psychiatric records, of juvenile offenders committed to the juvenile correctional facilities. Without these records the treatment providers do not know what previous treatment was provided. In most cases duplicate screening and examinations must be completed costing valuable time and expense. In addition, the lack of needed information may unnecessarily delay needed care.

Currently, laws governing access to psychiatric and medical records do not expressly provide access by a juvenile correctional facility, therefore these records are not available to JJA employees who are responsible for the offenders' care and treatment and have a need to know about the offenders' past medical and psychiatric history.

The bill proposes to amend two statutes so that this access can occur. First, K.S.A. 38-1609 provides for the confidentiality of the medical records of juvenile offenders. These records are not to be disclosed except as provided in the statute. One of the listed exceptions is "upon a determination by the head of the treatment facility, who has the records, that disclosure is necessary for the further treatment of the juvenile offender." The amendment would add a state hospital to this exception and allow the head of a state hospital to make the determination to release the records.

Second, K.S.A. 65-5603 provides the privilege for psychiatric and drug and alcohol treatment records. Again, these records are not to be disclosed except as provided in the statute. The amendment would add an exception for juvenile offenders in the custody of the Juvenile Justice Authority when the information is requested by the Commissioner.

We have attempted to narrowly tailor these requests so that the privacy of medical records is maintained but the treatment needs of juvenile offenders in JJA's custody are met. I respectfully request passage of this bill.

Denise L. Everhart Acting Commissioner

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